



EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-12
(Amending Executive Order 2020-3, 2020-5, 2020-7, 2020-10 and 2020-11)

Issued by

TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT,
COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Cook County, Illinois

September 30, 2020

WHEREAS, the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services declared that COVID-19 presents a public health emergency on January 27, 2020, and on March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Cook County Code of Ordinances, Sections 26-36 and the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, 20 ILCS 3305/11, on March 10, 2020, County Board President Toni Preckwinkle found that the circumstances surrounding COVID-19 constitute a public health emergency and issued a proclamation of disaster for Cook County; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Illinois law, on March 16, 2020, the Cook County Board of Commissioners through Resolution 20-2195, extended the March 10, 2020 Proclamation of Disaster through May 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the March 16, 2020 Resolution 20-2195 further recognized and supported the issuance of Executive Orders by the County Board President to account for the continuity of operations, institute necessary closures and implement any rules or regulations that may benefit Cook County workforce and residents during this extended Proclamation of Disaster; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Illinois law, on May 21, 2020, the Cook County Board of Commissioners through Resolution 20-2472 extended the March 10, 2020 Proclamation of Disaster through September 30, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, the May 21, 2020 Resolution 20-2472 further recognized and supported the issuance of Executive Orders by the County Board President to account for the continuity of operations, during this extended Proclamation of Disaster; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Illinois law, on September 24, 2020, the Cook County Board of Commissioners through Resolution 20-4302 extended the March 10, 2020 Proclamation of Disaster through December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Governor JB Pritzker has issued various statewide orders for all Illinois residents to address COVID-19 related concerns; and

WHEREAS, through the issuance of Executive Orders 2020-3, 2020-5, 2020-7, 2020-10, and 2020-11, Cook County engaged in efforts to limit public access in County Buildings and Offices under the jurisdiction of the President and reduced the number of employees required to work on-site; and

WHEREAS, Executive Orders 2020-5, 2020-7, 2020-10 and 2020-11 allowed for the continued operation of essential functions of County government while protecting the public and the County employee population through a reduction of the footprint on-site in County buildings and facilities and implementation of social/physical distancing to help prevent the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, to the extent possible, the separately elected offices of Cook County government and independent agencies were also encouraged to adopt similar personnel policies and practice social/physical distancing through September 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has continued to spread throughout Illinois, necessitating updated and stringent guidance from federal, state, and local public health officials; and

WHEREAS, continued physical distancing, which requires maintaining at least a six-foot distance between people, is a principle strategy for minimizing the spread of COVID-19 in Cook County and across Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the State has issued "Restore Illinois," a five-phase plan to re-open Illinois, which is guided by public health metrics designed to provide a framework for reopening businesses, education, and recreational activities in each phase; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with "Restore Illinois", Cook County amends Executive Orders 2020-3, 2020-5, 2020-7, 2020-10 and 2020-11 to comply with the provisions of the five-phase plan.

NOW THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of the State of Illinois, the laws of the State of Illinois, the Ordinances of Cook County and the March 10, 2020 Proclamation of Disaster that was extended by the Board of Commissioners through December 31, 2020,

I, TONI PRECKWINKLE, President of the County of Cook, **DO HEREBY ORDER**, as follows:

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1. Effective October 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, directives to employees in the Office of the President and the Cook County separately elected offices regarding whether to work on-site, remotely, or a combination of both will continue to be consistent with the State's "Restore Illinois" plan. Employees will receive further direction from Department Heads and Bureau Chiefs regarding their responsibilities during the County's continued re-opening phase. Employees working on-site shall continue to comply with social/physical distancing standards and adhere to the guidance provided by their Department Heads and Bureau Chiefs.
2. Public access to County buildings and facilities will continue to occur in a phased-in approach and require the public to adhere to social/physical distancing standards and other requirements as directed by the County.
3. While on-site at work, off-site, or working remotely, employees and residents shall engage in social/physical distancing to prevent and slow the spread of COVID-19 as provided in the State's "Restore Illinois" plan.

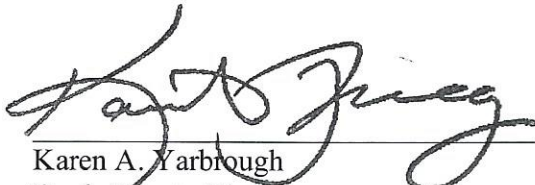
BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that, this order shall take effect upon its execution and filing with the County Clerk and that immediate notice of this order be delivered by the County Clerk to the offices under the jurisdiction of the County Board President, the eleven separately elected officials, the seventeen members of the County Board, and the Cook County Health and Hospitals System Board.



Toni Preckwinkle
President

Dated: September 30, 2020

ATTEST:



Karen A. Yarbrough
Cook County Clerk

Received and Filed: September 30, 2020