



**EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-7
(Amending Executive Order 2020-3 and 2020-5)**

Issued by

**TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT,
COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Cook County, Illinois

April 3, 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 has declared COVID-19 a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, despite efforts to contain COVID-19, the World Health Organization and the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) declared that COVID-19 is expected to spread; 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 31, 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, on March 20, 2020, Governor JB Pritzker issued a statewide order for all Illinois residents to stay home, unless traveling for essential needs or business, and requires businesses not engaged in essential activities to cease all activities except for minimum basic operations; and

WHEREAS, the March 20, 2020, Illinois Executive Order 2020-10 <https://www2.illinois.gov/Documents/ExecOrders/2020/ExecutiveOrder-2020-10.pdf> issued by Governor JB Pritzker took effect on Saturday, March 21, 2020 at 5 p.m., across the State of Illinois and will remain in place through April 7, 2020; and

WHEREAS, through the issuance of Executive Order 2020-3 and Executive Order 2020-5, 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 Order 2020-3 and 2020-5 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 building and facilities and implementation of social 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 distancing through April 7, 2020; and

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

WHEREAS, continued social 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, on April 1, 2020, Governor JB Pritzker issued a statewide order <https://www2.illinois.gov/Pages/Executive-Orders/ExecutiveOrder2020-18.aspx> extending the March 20, 2020 “Stay at Home” order for all Illinois residents to stay home, unless traveling for essential needs or business, and the extension requires businesses not engaged in essential activities to cease all activities except for minimum basic operations through April 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Cook County, Illinois, the United States and countries across the world are struggling with this pandemic, we will rise to this challenge and as one Cook County will impress upon our employees and residents to do their part and stay at home; and

WHEREAS, as one Cook County we must do our best to support our first responders, health professionals, grocery store clerks, restaurant workers, utility workers, law enforcement and other essential workers by adhering to the stay at home orders and social distancing guidelines to help slow the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Cook County amends Executive Order 2020-3 AND 2020-5 to comply with the provisions of Illinois Executive Order 2020-18 and expands Cook County’s Stay at Home Order through April 30, 2020.

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 May 31, 2020,

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

1. Effective March 21, 2020 through April 30, 2020, Cook County buildings and facilities **except** for buildings and facilities that may be used by the Circuit Court of Cook County, the Cook County Sheriff and Cook County Health are closed to the public. The Circuit Court of Cook County, Cook County Sheriff and Cook County Health will provide additional direction regarding access to facilities and operations during the State's Executive Order 2020-18.

3. Effective March 21, 2020 through April 30, 2020, the Offices under the Jurisdiction of the President will continue to focus on essential services that are necessary to operate County government and employees performing non-essential functions and those that are able to work remotely are ordered to stay at home in accordance with Illinois Executive Order 2020-18. Employees will receive further direction from Department Heads and Bureau Chiefs regarding their responsibilities during the extended Stay at Home Order. Employees working on-site and providing essential functions shall continue to comply with social distancing standards.

4. While on-site at work, off-site, or working remotely, employees and residents shall engage in social distancing to prevent and slow the spread of COVID-19 as provided in the State's Executive Order 2020-18.

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: April 2, 2020

ATTEST:



Karen A. Yarbrough
Cook County Clerk

Received and Filed: April 2, 2020