



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

**Issued by**

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

**Cook County, Illinois**

**April 29, 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**, 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

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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**, 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**, through the issuance of Executive Order 2020-3, Executive Order 2020-5 and 2020-7, 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, 2020-5 and 2020-7 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 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 30, 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 and the use of masks are principle strategies for minimizing the spread of COVID-19 in Cook County and across Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 23, 2020, Governor JB Pritzker indicated that the “Stay at Home” is extended through May 30, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County, Illinois, the United States and countries across the world continue to struggle with this pandemic, we will continue to rise to this challenge and as one Cook County impress upon our employees and residents to do their part, follow the State’s directive and stay at home; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County amends Executive Order 2020-3, 2020-5 and 2020-7 to comply with the provisions of the Governor Pritzker’s expanded “Stay at Home” order and expands Cook County’s Stay at Home Order through May 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 May 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 expanded "Stay at Home" order.
2. Effective March 21, 2020 through May 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 and the expanded provisions ordered by Governor Pritzker. 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 and expanded "Stay at Home" provisions.
3. 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 and expanded "Stay at Home" provisions.

**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 29, 2020

ATTEST:



Karen A. Yarbrough  
Cook County Clerk

Received and Filed: April 29, 2020