



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

Issued by

**TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT,
FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF 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 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 Forest Preserve District of Cook County (“Forest Preserve District”) is covered under Cook County’s Emergency Operations Plan as a result of the Proclamation of Disaster; and

WHEREAS, the March 16, 2020 Resolution 20-2195 further recognized and supported the issuance of Executive Orders by the 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

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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 with a scheduled end date of April 7, 2020; and

WHEREAS, through the issuance of Executive Orders 2020-3 and 2020-5, the Forest Preserve District engaged in efforts to limit public access to Forest Preserve District buildings and reduced the number of employees required to work on-site; and

WHEREAS, Executive Orders 2020-3 and 2020-5 allowed for the continued operation of essential functions of Forest Preserve District government while protecting the public and the Forest Preserve District employee population through a reduction of the footprint on-site in Forest Preserve District buildings; 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, the Forest Preserve District joins Cook County, the State of Illinois, the United States and countries across the world in rising to the challenge presented by this pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserve District supports first responders, health professionals, grocery store clerks 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, the Forest Preserve District amends Executive Orders 2020-3 and 2020-5 to comply with the provisions of Illinois Executive Order 2020-18.

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 Forest Preserve District and the March 10, 2020 Proclamation of Disaster, that was extended by the Board of Commissioners through May 31, 2020 on March 16, 2020,

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

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1. Effective April 3, 2020 through April 30, 2020, the Forest Preserve District will continue to engage in efforts to limit public access to Forest Preserve District buildings.
2. Effective April 3, 2020 through April 30, 2020, the Forest Preserve District will continue to focus on essential services that are necessary to operate the Forest Preserve District and reduce the number of employees required to work on-site.
3. While on-site at work, off-site, or working remotely, employees should engage in efforts to practice 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 Secretary of the Board and that immediate notice of this order be delivered by the Secretary to the Board to the seventeen members of the Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners and General Superintendent.



Toni Preckwinkle
President

Dated: April 3, 2020

ATTEST:



Matthew B. DeLeon
Board Secretary

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