

**COVID-19  
Executive Order  
Summary**

17 April 2020

SUBJECT: State Executive Orders – COVID-19

1. Background: On 9 March 2020, the Governor issued a Disaster Proclamation related to COVID-19.

2. COVID-19 Related Executive Orders.

a. 2020-03: extends certain deadlines for applications under the Cannabis Act.

b. 2020-04, as amended by 2020-07 & **2020-10**: prohibits gatherings of **10+ persons**, effective ~~18 March~~ **50+ persons**, except for pharmacies, grocery stores, hospitals, gas stations, banks, shelters; closes Thompson Center to general public; suspends 2-year continuous service requirement for State employees to receive advance sick leave.

c. 2020-05, as amended by 2020-06 & **2020-10**: closes all K-12 schools **for duration of Disaster**<sup>+</sup>; suspends restrictions on e-learning; exempts schools operated by Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice, State Board of Education and Department of Human Services.

d. 2020-07, as amended by **2020-10**: From 16 March **to duration of Disaster**,<sup>2</sup> closes all businesses that offer food on-premises (restaurants, bars, grocery stores) - NO ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION. Food & beverages may be consumed off-premises, drive-thru, delivery, and carry-out. Exemptions include - business in airports, hospitals, college & university dining halls, catering services. Hotels may continue room service & carry out. IEMA, State Police, Dept. Public Health, State Fire Marshal & IL Liquor Control Commission to enforce. 1 week waiting period for unemployment insurance benefits suspended. Certain provisions of Open Meetings Act suspended.

e. 2020-08: During duration of the Disaster and for 30 days thereafter, suspends –

- various provisions of the Vehicle Code providing for expiration of vehicle registrations, drivers' licenses, & parking decals issued by the Secretary of State, provisions regarding expiration of State ID cards and hearings conducted by Secretary of State pertaining to the Vehicle Code and Merit Employment Code;

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<sup>1</sup> Currently 7 April

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- filing deadline of Statements of Economic Interest filed with the Secretary of State.

f. 2020-09: Beginning 19 March and for the duration of the Disaster –

- All health insurers are required to cover the costs of all medically appropriate Telehealth Services by in-network providers.

- Certain provisions of the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Confidentiality Act are suspended with respect to the provision of Telehealth Services.

- Under the Medical Practice Act, certain requirements for reinstatement of a license inactive for less than 3 years – proof of continuing education for one renewal period, and payment of reinstatement fee – are suspended.

g. 2020-10: Beginning 21 March at 5:00 pm and for the duration of the Disaster (currently through 7 April) –

- STAY AT HOME – with certain exceptions all individuals living in Illinois are ordered to stay at home. Social distancing – stay at least 6 feet from other persons. Persons may leave home for essential activities, essential governmental functions, or to operate essential businesses.

- Non-essential businesses must cease

- Prohibited activities –

- All public and private gatherings, unless excepted under the EO
- Any gathering, 10+ people unless excepted under the EO, i.e., members of a household or residence
- No places of public amusement

- Prohibited travel –

- ALL TRAVEL, unless for Essential Travel, Essential Activities.

- May Leave Home for Essential Activities –

- Health & safety
- Necessary supplies & services – grocery store, gas, etc.
- Outdoor activity – consistent with social distancing, outdoor exercise
- Essential businesses or operations –
- To take care of others

- May Leave Home for –

- Healthcare & Public Operations
- Human Service Operations
- Essential Infrastructure

- Essential Government Functions
- Essential Businesses and Operations
- Essential travel – travel related to the above, to return to residence, to care for someone, required by court order
- Enforcement by State & Local law enforcement
- Residential evictions to cease for duration

h. EO 2020-11

- Amends portions of EO 2020-10 allowing persons to leave home to provide Human Services Operations, such as child care
- Suspends for duration of the Disaster certain provisions of the Unified Code of Corrections requiring IDOC to give State’s Attorneys 14-days’ notice of an inmate’s early release for good conduct.

i. EO 2020-12. Suspends for duration of the Disaster certain provisions of the -

- Healthcare Worker Background Check Act
- Unified Code of Corrections requiring the Department of Juvenile Justice to provide notice to State’s Attorneys 30 days’ notice of a youth target’s release date
- Coal Mining Act requiring a Miners’ Examining Board

j. EO 2020-13 - Suspends for duration of the Disaster, all admissions to IDOC from the County jails, except essential transfers.

k. EO 2020-14-

- Suspends for duration of the Disaster certain provisions of the Notary Act, requiring personal appearance before a Notary, allowing for “remote notarization” via 2-way audio/video communication.
- For the duration of the Disaster all legal documents (deeds, wills, powers of attorney) may be signed in counterpart by the signatory and witnesses. Details in the EO.

l. EO 2020-15

- Suspends for duration of the Disaster certain provisions of the Illinois School Code regarding length of the school day, school year, calculation of daily pupil attendance, and prohibiting electronic acceptance of bids for construction.
- For duration of the Disaster all public schools receiving Pre-K funding may provide child care to children of employees providing essential services

m. EO 2020-16. Suspends for duration of the Disaster certain provisions of -

- law regarding the repossession of vehicles;

- the Private Detective, Private Alarm, Private Security, Fingerprint Vendor, and Locksmith Act requiring classroom training.

n. EO 2020-17

- Amends certain provisions of EO 2020-03, for duration of the Disaster certain provisions regarding deadlines established in the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act

o. EO 2020-18 – through 30 April the following is extended -

- **school closures**
- **suspension of on-premises consumption at restaurants**
- suspension of Secretary of State operations
- authorization of telehealth
- **stay-at-home; social distancing; essential business operations order**
- suspension of residential evictions
- IDOC notice requirement to State’s Attorneys regarding early release dates
- Suspension of certain provisions of the Healthcare Worker Background Check Act, Department of Juvenile Justice’s notice requirement to State’s Attorneys youth target release date, and the Coal Mining Act
- Suspension of admission to IDOC from County Jails
- Suspension of certain provisions of the Notary Act
- Suspension of certain provisions of the Illinois School Code
- Suspension of repossession of vehicles and classroom training for security officers
- Suspension of certain deadlines under the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act

p. EO 2020-19 – effective 1 April until 30 April (current duration of the Disaster) –

- Healthcare facilities, professionals and volunteers (as defined in the EO) are ordered to assist the State’s response to COVID-19
- Healthcare facilities professionals and volunteers shall be immune from civil liability, except for gross negligence or willful misconduct

q. EO 2020-20 – for the duration of the Disaster –

- The requirement for a public assistance applicant to provide an audio recording of verbal attestation and a signature in support of an application is suspended
- The requirement in the Electronic Commerce Security Act requiring State agencies to establish rules for minimum security is suspended.

r. EO 2020-21 – for the duration of the Disaster, certain provisions of the Unified Code of Corrections pertaining to certain prisoner furloughs is suspended.

s. EO 2020-22 – for the duration of the Disaster, the following are suspended -

- Certain provisions of the Township Code
- Certain provisions of the Funeral Directors and Embalming Licensing Code pertaining to supervision of the transportation of human remains by licensed funeral directors
- Certain provisions of the Child Care Act pertaining the definition of “child” and persons 18 years or older
- Certain provisions of the Healthcare Worker Background Check Act regarding time limits to transmit fingerprints to the State Police

t. EO 2020-23 – for the duration of the Disaster certain provisions of the Department of Professional Regulation Law authorizing the Secretary to increase the number of licensed professionals responding to the disaster is suspended, to the extent it limits such authority to those persons working under the direction of IEMA or IDPH. However, the Secretary will coordinate with IEMA and IDPH “to ensure that any impacted licensed professionals are aiding in response to the disaster.”

u. *EO 2020-24 – for the duration of the Disaster, the following are suspended –*

- *Certain provisions of the Illinois Unified Code of Corrections pertaining to admissions from the County Jails to the Illinois Department of Human Services (DHS) Forensic Treatment Program*
- *Certain statutory provisions pertaining to the investigation of DHS employees by the DHS Inspector General*

v. *EO 2020-25 - for the duration of the Disaster, the following are suspended –*

- *Certain provisions of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure permitting service of process for garnishment, wage deduction, citation to discover assets*

w. *EO 2020-26 - for the duration of the Disaster, the following are suspended –*

- *Certain provisions of the Hospital Licensing Act and the Hospital Report Card Act*
- *Certain provisions of the Department of Public Health Powers and Duties Law regarding phlebotomy on persons with disabilities and uterine cytologic examinations for cancer*
- *Certain provisions of the Illinois Adverse Health Care Events Reporting Law regarding time limits to report*
- *Certain provisions of the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems Act, to permit EMS to transport patients to alternate care facilities (ACFs)*
- *The Hospital Licensing Act is suspended in its entirety as to ACFs so that hospitals licensed by the State may establish an ACF to increase regional hospital capacity*

4. Executive Orders may be viewed at <https://www2.illinois.gov/government/executive-orders> .

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