



Governor Pritzker Issues Stay at Home Order

On Friday, March 20th, Governor Pritzker issued a Stay at Home Order for the State of Illinois which goes into effect this evening (3/21) at 5:00 pm. **As of May 1st, the Governor's Stay at Home Order has been extended through May 30th.** What does this mean for Shorewood Residents? Here are the Top 6 things you need to know:

Key Updates to Stay at Home Order beginning May 1st:

- Any individual who is over the age of two and able to medically tolerate a face-covering shall be required to cover their nose and mouth when in a public place and unable to maintain a six-foot social distance.
- Essential businesses and manufacturers will be required to provide face coverings to all employees who are not able to maintain a minimum six-foot social distance at all times. Additionally, new requirements that maximize social distancing and prioritize the well-being of customers and employees must be followed.
- New businesses have been added to the list of Essential Businesses. Any retail store which has not been designated as Essential Businesses and Operations may re-open to fulfill telephone and online order through pick-up outside the store and delivery.

For full specifics on Updates to the Stay at Home Order please visit:

<https://www2.illinois.gov/Pages/Executive-Orders/ExecutiveOrder2020-32.aspx>

1. What is a Stay at Home Order?

- a. **The order prohibits things like visiting the homes of friends and holding gatherings of any size and closes all nonessential establishments, including most retail, recreation and entertainment businesses.** This order is mandatory. To help prevent the further spread of COVID-19 in Illinois and protect our friends, neighbors, and vulnerable populations, please stay home unless your work is an essential function.

- b. You are still able to leave your home to get groceries, gas, check on elderly family members, seek medical care for yourself or your animals, and go to work if your job falls under Essential Business and Operations. For a full list of businesses that will still operate during the order, visit coronavirus.illinois.gov.
- c. You can still go outside and get some fresh air, run, walk, bike, and exercise. However, even outside you **MUST** practice social distancing and remain at least six feet away from any other person. The Village of Shorewood will not be closing any parks but they **PLAY EQUIPMENT and EXERCISE EQUIPMENT will be closed off**.
- d. Illinois State Police will work with local law enforcement to enforce this order. The Illinois National Guard will not be enforcing this order. *Law enforcement officials will not stop residents who are on their way to or from work or who are out for necessities* like going to the pharmacy or getting groceries, or just taking a walk. Illinoisans should abstain from all nonessential activities. Adhering to the order will save lives and it is the responsibility of every Illinoisan to do their part.

2. Grocery Stores and Restaurants will remain open.

- a. Essential services will still be operational including, but not limited to:
 - Grocery stores
 - Gas stations
 - Pharmacies
 - Police stations
 - Fire stations
 - Hospitals, clinics and healthcare operations
 - Garbage/sanitation
 - Public transportation
 - Public benefits (i.e. SNAP, Medicaid) hotlines
 - A full list can be found in the executive order at coronavirus.illinois.gov
- b. Schools that provide free food services to students will continue on a pick-up and take-home basis
- c. You may continue to shop as usual. However, it is important that you chose to *Shop Smart*. Try not to panic shop; Illinois' food supply is secure and working. Hoarding food and essential household products creates shortages that impact vulnerable members of our community.

- d. Be sure to shop local. Many of our local businesses and restaurants have adjusted their hours and services so that they can remain operational. Restaurants that might not have before, are now offering delivery, carry-out, or even curbside pickup. Click [HERE](#) for an on-going list of Business Updates.

3. Traveling during the Stay in Place Order

- a. If you must leave your home, public transportation and ridesharing will be available but should be used to essential travel only. When possible, walk or drive yourself.
- b. Roads in Illinois will not be closed. You should only travel if it is essential to your work or health.
- c. Planes and any other form of travel should only be used for essential purposes.

4. Essential Government Functions will not be interrupted

- a. The Village of Shorewood, along with all local agencies are working hard to ensure that all services providing for the health, safety, and welfare of the public continue. Should you need us, please do not hesitate to contact us! The Village of Shorewood does ask that you contact each department directly at this time. A list of contacts is available [HERE](#)
- b. In fact, most utility providers are doing what they can to make sure their services are not disrupted either. Many, including the Village of Shorewood, are even discontinuing late-fees and shut-offs during this time.

5. If you are experiencing symptoms of any illness, including COVID-19, what you should do is:

- a. Call a health care provider, such as your primary care physician or a health clinic. Do not walk directly into an emergency room or a doctor's office.
- b. A health care provider will ask about your symptoms and potential exposures. If they think you need medical care, they will arrange medical treatment without putting others at risk.

- c. If you meet certain criteria, you may be tested for COVID-19, but as testing expands, those with severe illness and those at higher risk of complications are being prioritized.
- d. For health-related inquiries, contact the Illinois Department of Public Health by calling 1-800-889-3931 or visiting DPH.illinois.gov

6. Social Distancing Requirements

- a. Social Distancing Requirements includes **maintaining at least six-foot social distancing from other individuals**, washing hands with soap and water for at least twenty seconds as frequently as possible or using hand sanitizer, covering coughs or sneezes (into the sleeve or elbow), regularly cleaning high-touch surfaces, and not shaking hands.
- b. All public and private gatherings of any number of people occurring outside a single household or living unit are prohibited. Any gathering of more than **ten** people (outside a single household or living unit) has been banned.
- c. For your safety, as well as the safety of those in your community, you should remain at home to help fight the spread of COVID-19. You may visit family members who need medical or other essential assistance, such as ensuring an adequate supply of food.
- d. **Social distancing is an important first step in preventing the spread of a disease like COVID-19 that allows people to go about their daily activities while taking extra health and safety precautions. The Stay at Home order requires people to remain in their homes unless they have an essential job or are doing an essential task like going to the grocery store or walking a pet.**

Now is the time, more than ever, to rely on trusted sources for information regarding this COVID-19 pandemic. There are also many assistance programs and Hotlines available for those in need, those who are elderly, and those whose residence is or becomes an unsafe place. **The Village of Shorewood has worked to compile an on-going list of trusted resources which can be found on our website under the [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Information](#) page.**

For Governor Pritzker's Executive Order in Response to COVID-19 click [HERE](#)