



**Leadership**

Toni Preckwinkle  
President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

Debra D. Carey  
Interim CEO, Cook County Health

Rachel Rubin, MD, MPH, FACP  
Senior Medical Officer

Kiran Joshi, MD, MPH  
Senior Medical Officer

**Board of Directors**

M. Hill Hammock  
Chair of the Board

Mary B. Richardson-Lowry  
Vice Chair of the Board

Hon. Dr. Dennis Deer, LCPC, CCFC  
Mary Driscoll, RN, MPH  
Ada Mary Gugenheim  
Mike Koetting  
David Ernesto Munar

Heather M. Prendergast, MD, MS, MPH  
Robert G. Reiter, Jr.  
Layla P. Suleiman Gonzalez, PhD, JD  
Sidney A. Thomas, MSW

**ORDER OF THE**  
**COOK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**  
**No. 2020-1**  
**COVID-19 MITIGATION**

Issued and Effective: November 6, 2020

**WHEREAS**, On January 27, 2020, the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services declared that COVID-19, a respiratory illness spread by close contact through respiratory droplets, presents a public health emergency, and the World Health Organization characterized the COVID-19 outbreak as a pandemic on March 11, 2020.

**WHEREAS**, The Cook County Department of Public Health is the Illinois certified local health department for suburban Cook County, Illinois, with the exception of Evanston, Skokie, Oak Park, and Stickney Township, serving 127 municipalities.

**WHEREAS**, The Cook County Department of Public Health is responsible for determining when a danger to the public health exists within its jurisdiction, and to order measures deemed necessary to protect the public health until such time that the danger to the public health is eliminated or reduced in such a manner that an immediate threat no longer exists.

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Cook County, Illinois, Code of Ordinances Sec. 38-33(b), a law enforcement officer with proper jurisdiction shall be authorized to enforce orders issued by the Cook County Department of Public Health with respect to public health measures and shall assist in enforcing such orders.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in accordance with the authority delegated to it by the Illinois Department of Public Health pursuant to the Illinois Public Health Act (20 ILCS 2305/1.1 *et seq.*); the Illinois Department of Public Health Powers and Duties Law (20 ILCS 2310/2310-15 *et seq.*); and the Cook County, Illinois, Code of Ordinances (Chapter 38, Article II *et seq.*), the Cook County Department of Public Health hereby directs and orders:

- a. Restaurants and bars within the jurisdiction of the Cook County Department of Public Health must close at 11:00 p.m. Central Time, and must remain closed until 6:00 a.m. Central Time the following day.
- b. All restaurants and bars within the jurisdiction of the Cook County Department of Public Health must suspend indoor on-premises consumption.
- c. All customers of establishments within the jurisdiction of the Cook County Department of Public Health eating or drinking on premises must be seated at outdoor tables spaced at least six feet apart. Multiple parties may not be seated at a single table.
- d. Customers of establishments within the jurisdiction of the Cook County Department of Public Health who are not yet seated at a table must wait off premises and, when waiting, must not congregate in groups larger than the party with whom they are dining. Standing, congregating, or dancing on premises is not permitted.
- e. Each party must have a reservation, even if made on-site, so that the restaurant or bar has contact information to reach every party for contact tracing if needed.
- f. Meetings and social events are limited to the lesser of 25 people or 25% of overall room capacity.
- g. Attendance lists for meetings and social events must be kept for contact tracing.
- h. Party buses are not permitted.
- i. Gaming venues and casinos must close, and gaming terminals must stop operating, between 11:00 p.m. Central Time until 6:00 a.m. Central Time the following day.
- j. Gaming venues and casinos are limited to 25% capacity.
- k. Gaming venues and casinos must follow the mitigation strategies a through e for restaurants and bars for those portions of their facilities.

In addition to any other penalty provided by law, violations of this Order shall be subject to the penalties as set forth in the Cook County, Illinois, Code of Ordinances Sec. 38-38.

If any provision of this Order or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, this invalidity does not affect any other provision or application of this Order, which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application. To achieve this purpose,

the provisions of this Order are declared to be severable. This Order is meant to be read consistently with any Court order regarding this Order.

This Direction and Order by the Cook County Department of Public Health shall remain in effect for the duration of the COVID-19 public health emergency as declared by United States Secretary of Health and Human Services, or until such time the Cook County Department of Public Health makes a written determination that the threat to public safety has diminished to the point that this Order can be safely repealed.



Dated: November 6, 2020

Name: Rachel Rubin

Title: Senior Medical Officer, Co-Lead  
Cook County Department of Public Health