



Lawrence M. Walsh
Will County Executive

**County of Will, Illinois
Proclamation**

Proclamation of a Disaster in the County of Will

WHEREAS, a significant outbreak of Coronavirus Disease (COVID19) emerged in China; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a novel severe acute respiratory illness that can spread among people through respiratory transmissions and present with symptoms similar to those of influenza; and

WHEREAS, certain populations are at higher risk of experiencing more severe illness as a result of COVID-19, including older adults and people who have serious chronic medical conditions such as heart disease, diabetes, or lung disease; and

WHEREAS, Will County is continuing its efforts to prepare for any eventuality given that this a novel illness with known health risks it poses for the elderly and those with serious chronic medical conditions; and

WHEREAS, the CDC currently recommends community preparedness and everyday prevention measures be taken by all individuals and families in the United States, including voluntary home isolation when individuals are sick with respiratory systems, covering coughs and sneezes with a tissue, washing hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, and routinely cleaning frequently touched surfaces and objects to increase community resilience and readiness for responding to an outbreak; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of Will County to be prepared to address any disasters and, therefore, it is necessary and appropriate to make additional Will County resources available to ensure that the effects of COVID-19 are mitigated and minimized and that residents and visitors in Will County remain safe and secure; and

WHEREAS, this proclamation will activate Will County's emergency operations plan by proclaiming that a disaster exists within Will County, this proclamation of disaster will assist the residents of Will County, by and through its Emergency Management Agency and to coordinate county and municipal resources and response activities, in an effort to prevent and reduce further damage and hazards, protect the health and safety of persons, protect property and provide emergency response;

NOW THEREFORE I, Lawrence M. Walsh, by virtue of the authority vested in me as County Executive of the County of Will, Illinois, pursuant to the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, 20 ILCS 3305/11, proclaim that a disaster exists within Will County, Illinois.

This proclamation is effective on March 16, 2020 and shall continue for a period not exceed seven days, unless extended by the County Board of the County of Will.

Approved:



Lawrence M. Walsh
Will County Executive

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