



Village of Mount Prospect Press Release

VILLAGE OF MOUNT PROSPECT – CORONAVIRUS UPDATE 3/20/20

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As the State of Illinois has initiated a “stay at home” Executive Order for all residents, the Village is following the directions set forth by Governor Pritzker in the press conference that took place on March 20, 2020 at 3:00 PM. Please note:

Residents are asked to stay home for the duration of the order, expected to be in place through April 7, 2020, with exceptions for the following:

- Perform tasks essential to your health and safety or the health and safety of your family and members of your household, including pets. This includes getting medical supplies or medication, or visiting a health care professional.
- Obtaining necessary services or supplies like food, pet supplies, household products for yourself or to deliver them to others.
- Care for a family member or pet in another household.
- Work at "Essential Businesses" including those providing medical services, grocery and food service workers, and those which perform any work necessary to the operations and maintenance of “Essential Infrastructure,” including but not limited to public works construction, construction of housing, water, sewer, gas, electrical, oil refining, roads and highways, public transportation, solid waste collection and removal, internet and telecommunications systems.
- Work in your role as sworn police department, fire department personnel and public works personnel (first responders), emergency management personnel, emergency dispatchers, court personnel, and law enforcement personnel, and others working for or to support "Essential Businesses."
- Perform or access any "Essential Governmental Functions," meaning all services needed to ensure the continuing operation of the government agencies and provide for the health, safety and welfare of the public and all agencies that provide for the health, safety and welfare of the public.

The order provides that all non-essential business and operations must cease. “Essential Businesses and Operations” that may continue include: stores that sell groceries; food production and agriculture; organizations that provide charitable and social services; media; gas stations and businesses needed for transportation; financial institutions; hardware and supply stores; critical trades; mail, post, shipping,

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logistics and delivery services; educational institutions (for the purposes of facilitating distance learning); laundry services; restaurants for off-premises consumption; supplies to work from home; supplies for essential businesses and operations; transportation; home-based care and services; residential facilities and shelters; professional services; day care centers for employees exempted by this order; manufacturing, distribution and supply chain for critical products and industries; critical labor union functions; hotels and motels; and, funeral services.

Note that in any instance where one must leave home, social distancing must be followed unless contact is necessary to perform specific tasks. Social distancing is deliberately increasing the physical space between people to avoid spreading illness. Staying at least six feet away from other people lessens your chances of catching COVID-19.

Many local restaurants are offering delivery or pickup options during this time, the Village has compiled a list at www.experiencemountprospect.org.

Regarding Village operations:

- Village Hall at 50 S. Emerson Street, Public Works at 1700 W. Central Rd, the Community Connections Center at 1711 W. Algonquin Rd and the Fire Headquarters at 112 E. Northwest Hwy will remain closed to the public through April 7, 2020. Reminder: all non-mandated public meetings, and all senior events and programs scheduled for the Farley Community Room are cancelled through April 7, 2020.
 - Staff will be working and are able to answer phone calls and emails at our facilities, as well as process many transactions online. For those needing service while these municipal buildings are closed:
 - The public is encouraged to call, email or use the customer response portal (www.mountprospect.org/CRM) to report concerns or ask questions.
 - The deadline for vehicle sticker purchases has been extended to May 31, 2020. Buy online at www.mountprospect.org/vehiclestickers
 - The April 5, 2020 due date for water/sewer/refuse bills (bills dated March 15, 2020) has been extended to April 20, 2020. Accounts on direct debit will debit on April 6, 2020. Pay online at www.mountprospect.org/OnlineUtilityBill

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- The Village's food pantry will remain open and staff is prepared to screen new participants via phone. Learn more at www.mountprospect.org/foodpantry. Staff is pre-packing food and participants must call Human Services at 847-870-5680 or the Community Connections Center at 847-506-4930 to initiate a pick-up, which will be done by appointment only. Those whose health is compromised may be eligible to have their food delivered.
- Senior Citizens and other residents with special needs who have questions should call the Human Services Department at 847-870-5680.

The State of Illinois, local and Federal agencies have begun releasing information for business owners impacted by COVID-19 and related restrictions. Please visit www.mountprospect.org/MPEI for a listing of programs and useful information for businesses.

The Village will continue to update residents as new information becomes available. Updates will be posted on the Village web site, www.mountprospect.org.

- Follow the Village on Social Media - [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/mountprospectIL/) and [Twitter](https://twitter.com/MountProspect).
- Subscribe to [E-News](https://www.mountprospect.org/how-do-i/village-subscription-sign-up).

For more background information on the coronavirus and for the latest updates, please use the following links:

[Centers for Disease Control](#)

[Illinois Department of Public Health](#)

[Cook County Department of Public Health](#)

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