

**TO: County Board  
Presidents/Executives/Chairpersons/Board  
Members/Administrators**

**FROM: Joe McCoy, Executive Director  
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**DATE: May 1, 2020**

**RE: COVID-19 Update – May 1**

The Illinois State Association of Counties (ISACo) continues to prioritize the dissemination of useful information to county leaders during the COVID-19 pandemic. Please find below information we would like to share with you today:

**Governor Issues New Disaster Proclamation; Extends Executive Orders**

On April 30, 2020, Governor JB Pritzker issued a new state disaster proclamation ([available via this link](#)) that takes effect immediately and lasts through May 29, 2020. The proclamation will assist in obtaining federal emergency aid and disaster assistance resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Governor issued three new Executive Orders (EO) on April 30. They are as follows:

EO 2020-32 – Extends “Stay at Home” Policy

EO 2020-32 ([available via this link](#)) modifies and extends the Governor’s initial “stay at home” order and goes into effect on May 1, 2020, and continues through May 30, 2020.

The EO allows Illinoisans to leave their home for essential activities, including for health and safety, for necessary supplies and services, for outdoor activity, for certain types of work, to take care of others, and to engage in the free exercise of religion, but otherwise requires them to stay at home or their place of residence to prevent spread of COVID-19. Individuals are required to wear a face covering in public places when they are unable to maintain a six-foot social distance, such as in stores. The EO defines essential businesses and operations and allows non-essential retail stores to fulfill online and telephonic orders through pick-up outside the store or delivery.

The Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) prepared an updated “Essential Business and Operations Frequently Asked Questions” document ([available via this link](#)) intended to increase understanding of provisions within EO 2020-32.

DCEO also issued a document entitled “Alternative Occupancy Restriction for Essential Stores” ([available via this link](#)).

DCEO requested that ISACo share the new restrictions for golfing ([available via this link](#)). Golfing while adhering to specified restrictions became permissible on May 1, 2020.

In order to aid compliance with workplace safety protocols, the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and Attorney General's Office issued a document entitled "Workplace Health and Safety Guidance for Employees and Staff of Businesses" ([available via this link](#)).

On May 11, 2020, hospitals and Ambulatory Surgical Treatment Centers (ASTCs) may begin performing procedures previously considered nonessential during the pandemic. The new guidelines concerning these procedures are [available via this link](#).

#### EO 2020-33 – Reissues EOs 2020-03 through 2020-31

EO 2020-33 ([available via this link](#)) reissues most of the previous EOs through May 29. These previous EOs are available on our Coronavirus Resource Center webpage ([available via this link](#)).

#### EO 2020-34 – Suspends Conditional Cannabis Dispensing Organization Licenses

EO 2020-34 ([available via this link](#)) suspends the requirement that the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) issue up to 75 Conditional Adult Use Dispensing Organization Licenses before May 1, 2020. Suspends certain requirements, including the need for an adult use cannabis dispensing organization agent to obtain an agent identification card from IDFPR prior to beginning work at a dispensary and the need for a medical or adult use cannabis dispensing organization agent to keep an agent identification card visible at all times when in the dispensary.

#### **ISACo Presents Policy Recommendations During Meeting of House Working Group**

On April 29, 2020, I presented several policy requests intended to protect county revenues during a meeting of the Illinois House of Representative's Local Government Working Group.

The meeting was held using conference call and video technology. In addition to presenting on the issues included within our letter ([available via this link](#)) previously sent to legislators serving on the House and Senate Local Government Working Groups, I discussed the need to amend the Open Meetings Act (OMA) to allow for public bodies to meet remotely during future emergency situations. ISACo thanks the House Local Government Working Group for inviting us to share our advocacy requests.

ISACo has also been communicating with members of the Senate Local Government Working Group and its staff about our advocacy requests. A list of ISACo's advocacy efforts are available at the bottom of our Coronavirus Resource Center webpage ([available via this link](#)).

#### **Keep Up with New Information!**

ISACo has a designated blog post ([available via this link](#)) that includes updated news about the public response to COVID-19 and other relevant information.

ISACo also has a dedicated webpage ([available via this link](#)) with federal, state and local resources about COVID-19 and best practices to avoid transmission while promoting containment.

Please feel welcome to contact ISACo with any questions for which we may be helpful. My e-mail address is [jmccoy@isacoil.org](mailto:jmccoy@isacoil.org). I can also be reached on my cell phone at 217/836-9164. ISACo's website is [www.isacoil.org](http://www.isacoil.org). Thanks.