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## **NOTICE**

### **Illinois “Stay at Home” Order**

Following the advice of leading public health experts around the globe, the Governor of Illinois, JB Pritzker, has issued a new directive aiming to keep new cases of COVID-19 from rapidly increasing and ensure the state’s health care system remains fully operational to treat patients in need of urgent care. The order takes effect 5PM, Saturday, March 21, 2020. Information concerning the Governor’s action is available at <https://www2.illinois.gov/Documents/ExecOrders/2020/ExecutiveOrder-2020-10.pdf>.

#### **How does this impact foreign missions and their members?**

Foreign missions may continue to perform essential government operations in Illinois. However, all foreign missions are expected to adopt strategies aimed at mitigating the spread of COVID-19, such as maximizing opportunities for their members to work from home (“telework”), applying social distancing of at least six feet, and avoiding local travel unless required for purposes of protecting health, safety, and protection of property.

When not performing those functions, foreign mission personnel and their dependents are expected to fully comply with the requirements of Governor Pritzker’s order, as well as any other applicable orders issued by local or municipal authorities.

## Questions or Issues

Inquiries concerning the impacts of COVID-19 and the associated responsive effort on the operation of foreign missions in the United States should be transmitted by electronic mail to [OFM-EmergencyMgt@state.gov](mailto:OFM-EmergencyMgt@state.gov).

## Resources

- State of Illinois COVID-19 Response:  
<https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/coronavirus/Pages/default.aspx>
- CDC's Coronavirus Website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>
- CDC's Interim Guidance for Business and Employers:  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-business-response.html>
- Compilation of circular diplomatic notes and notices released by OFM concerning COVID-19: <https://www.state.gov/circular-notes-and-notices-covid-19/>
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