



CITY OF HARVEY
CHRISTOPHER J. CLARK, MAYOR

Declaration of Local State of Emergency/Civil Emergency

State of ILLINOIS

County of COOK

City of HARVEY

Pursuant to the authority vested in the office of Mayor by the Illinois Municipal Code Section 5/11-1-6, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act Section 3305/11 and Title 2, Chapter 2-88 of the City of Harvey, Illinois municipal code, I, Christopher J. Clark, the Mayor of Harvey, Illinois do hereby declare that a Local State of Emergency/Civil Emergency exists as of this date, March 15, 2020, and shall be re proclaimed to continue during the time the said civil emergency exists as provided in Title 2, Chapter 2-88 of the City of Harvey, Illinois municipal code.

The nature of the emergency is:

In late 2019, a new and significant outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) emerged in China. 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. 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. We are continuing our efforts to prepare for any eventuality given that this is a novel illness and given the known health risks it poses for the elderly and those with serious chronic medical conditions. The United States Secretary of Health and Human Services declared that COVID-19 presents a public health emergency on January 27, 2020 and Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker declared a state emergency in response to COVID-19 on March 9, 2020. United States President Donald J. Trump declared a national emergency on March 13, 2020.

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 symptoms, social distancing, covering coughs and sneezes with a tissue, washing hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, use of alcohol-based hand sanitizers with at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not readily available, and routinely cleaning frequently touched surfaces and objects to increase community resilience and readiness for responding to an outbreak.



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A vaccine or drug is currently not available for COVID-19. In communities with confirmed COVID-19 cases, the CDC currently recommends mitigation measures, including staying at home when sick, when a household member is sick with respiratory disease symptoms or when instructed to do so by public health officials or a health care provider and keeping away from others who are sick.

Despite efforts to contain COVID-19, the World Health Organization and the CDC indicate that it is expected to spread. There are currently 64 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and an additional 195 persons under investigation in Illinois. Several of the confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Illinois have not been linked to any travel activity or to an already-confirmed COVID-19 case, which indicates community transmission in Illinois.

Based on the foregoing, the circumstances surrounding COVID-19 constitute a civil emergency under Title 2, Chapter 2-88 of the City of Harvey, Illinois municipal code. It is the policy of the City of Harvey, Illinois that the City will be prepared to address any disasters and, therefore, it is necessary and appropriate to make additional city resources available to ensure that the effects of COVID-19 are mitigated and minimized and that residents and visitors in the City remain safe and secure.

This proclamation will assist Harvey agencies in coordinating County, State and Federal resources to support local governments in preparation for any action that may be necessary related to the potential impact of COVID-19 in the City of Harvey, Illinois. These conditions provide legal justification under Title 2, Chapter 2-88 of the City of Harvey, Illinois municipal code for the issuance of a proclamation of disaster.

During the existence of the Local State of Emergency/Civil Emergency, the Mayor shall execute such authority as provided under the Illinois Municipal Code, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, Title 2, Chapter 2-88 of the City of Harvey, Illinois municipal code and as otherwise authorized by state or federal law or by Executive Order of the President of the United States or the Governor of the State of Illinois.



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This Declaration of Local State of Emergency/Civil Emergency shall be filed with the City Clerk as soon as practicable.

I, Christopher J. Clark, whose name is signed to this instrument, being first duly sworn, signed and executed the instrument as the Declaration of Local State of Emergency/Civil Emergency, and that I signed willingly, and that I executed it as my free and voluntary act for the purposes therein expressed.


Christopher J. Clark, Mayor

NOTARY ACKNOWLEDGMENT

On this _____ day of _____ 2020, personally appeared the above-named

_____ and acknowledged the foregoing to be his

free act and deed, before me. _____

My Commission Expires: _____

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