

RESOLUTION R 18-20

A RESOLUTION SEEKING CONSIDERATION OF A LOCALIZED/COUNTY APPROACH TO REOPEN BUSINESSES AND RESUME CIVIC ACTIVITY

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 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; and

WHEREAS, State of Illinois Governor J. B. Pritzker issued a Disaster Proclamation on March 9, 2020, declaring all counties in the State of Illinois a disaster area under the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, 20 ILCS 3305/1 et seq. (the "Act"); and

WHEREAS, the Village of Lombard (the "Village") and its officials and residents recognize that the Act authorizes the Governor of the State of Illinois to issue emergency disaster proclamations and confers upon the Governor certain enumerated emergency powers after a disaster has been proclaimed; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020 Governor J.B. Pritzker issued Executive Order No. 2020-10, which *inter alia* ordered that: (1) residents were to stay at home or place of residence; (2) "non-essential" businesses and operations must "cease"; (3) certain activity is "prohibited" in any form, except for "essential activities" which include, among other things (a) "outdoor activity" so long as "social distancing" is adhered to, (b) essential travel, as well as (c) food, medical, day care and professional services; and (4) citizens must engage in "social distancing" which specifically requires citizens to (a) maintain a six foot social distance from others, (b) wash hands with soap "for at least twenty seconds" as frequently as possible, (c) cover coughs or sneezes, and (d) not shake hands (the "Stay at Home Order"); and

WHEREAS, the Governor issued a second Disaster Proclamation continuing the same COVID-19 disaster, and issued an additional Executive Order (No. 2020-18) extending the Stay at Home Order until April 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on April 30, 2020, the Governor issued a third Disaster Proclamation and Executive Order Nos. 2020-32 and 2020-33 easing certain restrictions in the Stay at Home Order, but increasing and adding certain restrictions such as mandating the use of masks or face coverings, and extending the Stay at Home Order through and including May 29, 2020 (the "Amended Stay at Home Order"); and

WHEREAS, while the Stay at Home Order and Amended Stay at Home Order have helped reduce the number of cases of individuals contracting COVID-19 and deaths in Illinois, they have also had a devastating financial impact on the businesses and residents in the State of Illinois and of the Village, and the extension of the Stay at Home Order

through and including May 29, 2020, with the revisions set forth in the Amended Stay at Home Order, will cause further negative economic impact on the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Village is continuing its 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;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Lombard, DuPage County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION ONE: The President and Board of Trustees (the "Corporate Authorities) of the Village recommend and encourage the Governor to consider a more specific localized/county approach to re-opening the State, that would allow each area to address the needs of their residents and businesses directly.

SECTION TWO: The Corporate Authorities of the Village acknowledge that any plan to re-open the community will include sound public health practices with the need to resume strong, but safe, levels of business and civic activity, with any such plan also including a phased approach that incorporates appropriate safety measures as recommended by public health officials.

SECTION THREE: The Corporate Authorities of the Village encourage the Governor to consider the recommendations made by the Illinois Municipal League in its letter to the Governor dated May 11, 2020, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A and made part hereof, which calls upon the Governor to modify the Restore Illinois Plan to align with the current 11 original EMS regions as identified by the State of Illinois, as well as to use a 14 day timeline period for each region to meet the metrics identified by the Restore Illinois Plan.

SECTION FOUR: The Corporate Authorities of the Village also urge the Governor to procure support from the General Assembly to formally extend the duration of the declared emergency and the Governor's emergency powers under the Act, and urge the General Assembly to discuss the provisions of the Restore Illinois Plan so that the concerns and recommendations expressed in this Resolution can be duly debated by our local elected representatives.

SECTION FIVE: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval, as provided by law.

Adopted this 21st day of May, 2020, pursuant to a roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Trustee Whittington, Puccio, Foltyniewicz, Honig, Militello and Ware

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Approved by me this 21st day of May, 2020.


Keith T. Giagnorio, Village President

ATTEST:


Sharon Kuderna, Village Clerk

Educate. Advocate. Empower.

EXHIBIT

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May 11, 2020

The Honorable JB Pritzker
Governor
James R Thompson Center
100 W Randolph 16-100
Chicago, Illinois 60601

Dear Governor Pritzker:

Thank you for putting forth the "Restore Illinois" plan to safely reopen our state's economy for both commerce and social interaction.

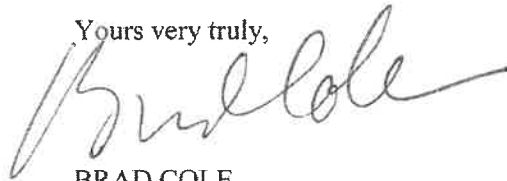
We have heard from many of our members who agree with the public health requirements of the plan, but we have also heard from many who have specific concerns and suggestions for modifying the plan.

Primary among the suggestions for modification is concern about the groupings of cities, counties and geographic areas within the regions. Utilizing the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) regions of the state, the "Restore Illinois" map outlines four regions that combined the 11 original EMS regions; see enclosures. Governor, you have traveled this state as much or more than anyone else and you know how vastly different it is from one corner to another. Because of that, it seems appropriate to maintain the 11 regions as set forth on the EMS map and we request your consideration for modifying the plan with such an adjustment.

Also among the prominent suggestions is a revision to the 28-day timeline for stability or a decrease in COVID-19-like hospital admissions. Reducing that timeline from 28 days to 14 days would allow regions that also meet the other requirements to move to the next phase sooner, but still with an adequate period of time for data study and patient observation. We request your consideration for modifying the plan with this adjustment, as well.

The elected officials of the 1,298 cities, villages and towns throughout Illinois all want the same thing: for the communities of Illinois to recover, prosper and grow as soon as possible, while maintaining the health and safety of everyone involved. We believe that is your desire, too, and we look forward to continuing our partnership toward that goal. Thank you.

Yours very truly,



BRAD COLE
Executive Director

c: Illinois Department of Public Health
Illinois General Assembly

Enclosures (2)



Illinois Department of Public Health
Office of Preparedness and Response

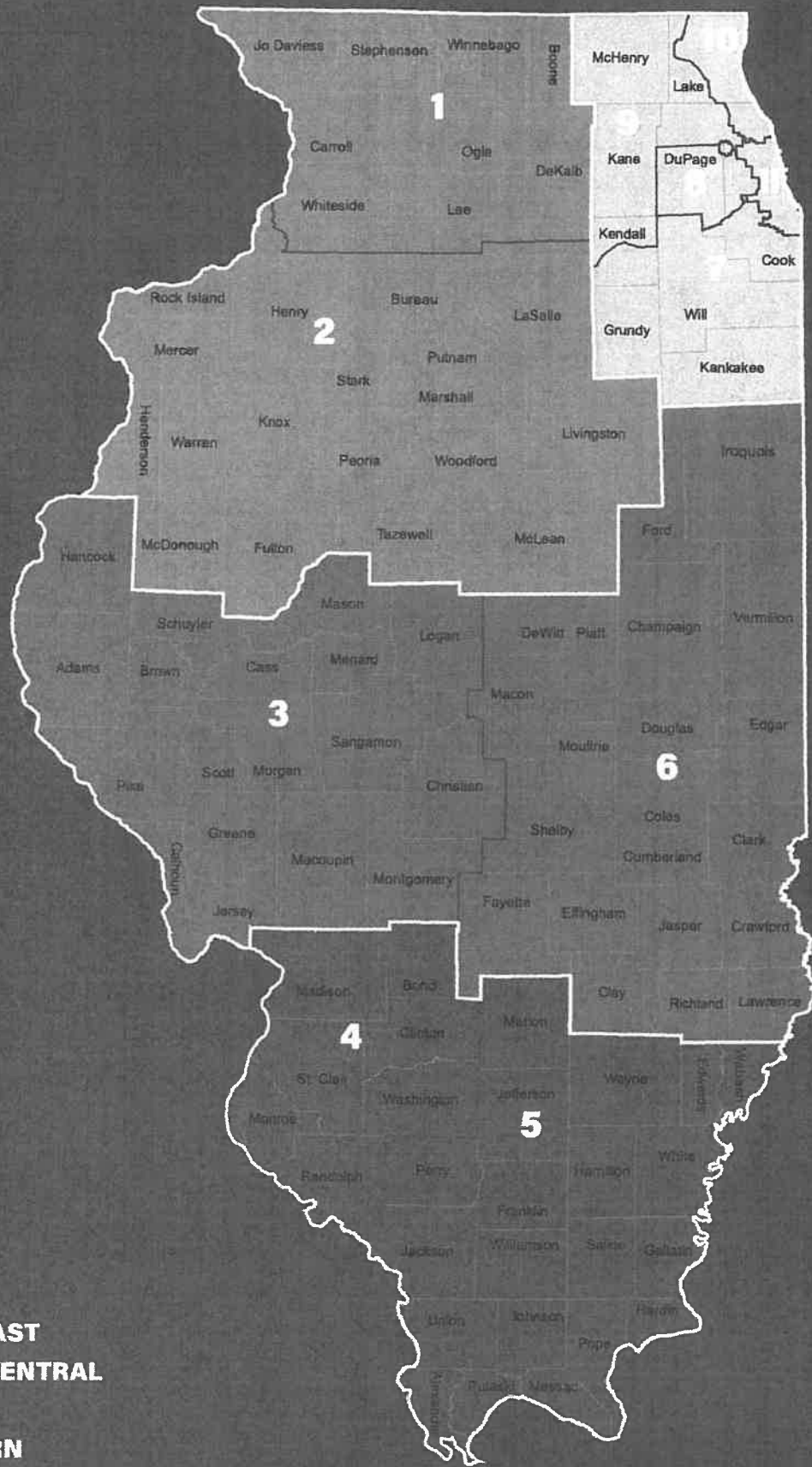
**Emergency Medical Services
Regions in Illinois**



Map Updated July, 2016
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RESTORE ILLINOIS HEALTH REGIONS



- NORTHEAST**
- NORTH-CENTRAL**
- CENTRAL**
- SOUTHERN**