



**EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-10  
(Amending Executive Orders 2020-3 through 2020-9)**

**Issued by**

**TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT,  
FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Cook County, Illinois**

**September 30, 2020**

**WHEREAS**, the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services declared that COVID-19 presents a public health emergency on January 27, 2020, and on March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Cook County Code of Ordinances, Sections 26-36 and the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, 20 ILCS 3305/11, on March 10, 2020, County Board President Toni Preckwinkle found that the circumstances surrounding COVID-19 constitute a public health emergency and issued a proclamation of disaster for Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Illinois law, on March 16, 2020, the Cook County Board of Commissioners through Resolution 20-2195 extended the March 10, 2020 Proclamation of Disaster through May 31, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the March 16, 2020 Resolution 20-2195 further recognized and supported the issuance of Executive Orders by the President to account for the continuity of operations, institute necessary closures and implement any rules or regulations that may benefit Cook County workforce and residents during this extended Proclamation of Disaster; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Illinois law, on May 21, 2020, the Cook County Board of Commissioners through Resolution 20-2472 extended the March 10, 2020 Proclamation of Disaster through September 30, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Illinois law, on September 24, 2020, the Cook County Board of Commissioners through Resolution 20-4302 further extended the March 10, 2020 Proclamation of Disaster through December 31, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (“Forest Preserve District”) is covered under Cook County’s Emergency Operations Plan as a result of the Proclamation of Disaster; and

**WHEREAS**, the September 24, 2020 Resolution 20-4302 further supported the issuance of Executive Orders by the County Board President to account for the continuity of operations, during this extended Proclamation of Disaster; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor JB Pritzker has issued various statewide orders for all Illinois residents to address COVID-19 related concerns; and

**WHEREAS**, through the issuance of Executive Orders 2020-3, 2020-5, 2020-7, and 2020-8 the Forest Preserve District engaged in efforts to limit public access to Forest Preserve District buildings and to reduce the number of employees required to work on-site; and

**WHEREAS**, Executive Orders 2020-3, 2020-5, 2020-7, and 2020-8 allowed for the continued operation of essential functions of Forest Preserve District government while protecting the public and the Forest Preserve District employee population through a reduction of the footprint on-site in Forest Preserve District buildings; and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 has continued to spread throughout Illinois, necessitating updated and stringent guidance from federal, state, and local public health officials; and

**WHEREAS**, continued physical/social distancing, which requires maintaining at least a six-foot distance between people, is a principle strategy for minimizing the spread of COVID-19 in Cook County and across Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, the State has issued “Restore Illinois,” a five-phase plan to re-open Illinois which is guided by public health metrics designed to provide a framework for reopening businesses, education, and recreational activities in each phase; and

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order 2020-9, which is set to expire September 30, 2020, allows for permitting or limiting access to Forest Preserve District buildings and other property in a manner consistent with “Restore Illinois”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Forest Preserve District amends Executive Orders 2020-3, 2020-5, 2020-7, 2020-8 and 2020-9 to comply with the provisions of the five-phase plan in accordance with “Restore Illinois,” and amends Executive Orders 2020-4 and 2020-6 to apply in the event that a scheduled Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners meeting is cancelled for any month through December 31, 2020.

**NOW THEREFORE**, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of the State of Illinois, the laws of the State of Illinois, the Ordinances of Cook County and the Forest Preserve District and the March 10, 2020 Proclamation of Disaster, that was extended by the Board of Commissioners through December 31, 2020,

I, TONI PRECKWINKLE, President of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, **DO HEREBY ORDER**, as follows:

1. Effective October 1, 2020 through *December 31, 2020*, the Forest Preserve District directives to employees regarding whether to work on-site, remotely, or a combination of both shall continue to be consistent with the State's "Restore Illinois" plan and any related applicable laws. Employees shall continue to receive direction from the General Superintendent and/or Department Heads regarding their responsibilities during this re-opening phase.
2. Effective October 1, 2020 through *December 31, 2020*, any efforts by the Forest Preserve District to allow or limit public access to Forest Preserve District buildings and other property shall continue to be consistent with the State's "Restore Illinois" plan and any related applicable laws. The public shall continue to receive direction and updates via the Forest Preserve District's webpage dedicated to COVID-19 related impacts <https://fpdcc.com/coronavirus-disease-covid-19-events-locations-precautions/>.
3. Employees shall continue to engage in physical/social distancing to prevent and slow the spread of COVID-19 as provided in the State's "Restore Illinois" plan.
4. Effective October 1, 2020 through *December 31, 2020*, if a scheduled Forest Preserve District board meeting is cancelled for any month due to COVID-19, then Forest Preserve District Executive Orders 2020-4 and 2020-6 shall be deemed effective for such month.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDERED**, that, this order shall take effect upon its execution and filing with the Secretary of the Board and that immediate notice of this order be delivered by the Secretary to the Board to the seventeen members of the Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners and General Superintendent, and that immediate notice of this order be delivered by the General Superintendent to Forest Preserve District employees.



Toni Preckwinkle  
President

Dated: September 30, 2020

ATTEST:



Matthew B. DeLeon  
Board Secretary

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