



**EXECUTIVE ORDER 2021-1**  
**(Amending Executive Orders 2020-3, 2020-5, and 2020-7 through 2020-11)**

Issued by

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

**Cook County, Illinois**

**January 31, 2021**

**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**, in accordance with Illinois law, on December 17, 2020, the Cook County Board of Commissioners through Resolution 21-0490 further extended the March 10, 2020 Proclamation of Disaster through January 31, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Illinois law, on January 28, 2021, the Cook County Board of Commissioners through Resolution 21-1143 further extended the March 10, 2020 Proclamation of Disaster through February 28, 2021; 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 January 28, 2021 Resolution 21-1143 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**, 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**, Executive Orders 2020-9 and 2020-10 allowed for permitting or limiting access to Forest Preserve District buildings and other property in a manner consistent with “Restore Illinois,” a five-phase plan to re-open Illinois, guided by public health metrics designed to provide a framework for reopening businesses, education, and recreational activities in each phase; and

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order 2020-11 allowed for permitting or limiting access to Forest Preserve District buildings and other property in a manner consistent with the State’s “Tier 3 Mitigation” restrictions; 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**, on November 18, 2020, Governor JB Pritzker issued Executive Order 2020-73, which imposed Tier 3 Mitigation restrictions to reduce the spread of COVID-19, but has subsequently reduced those restrictions on a region by region basis based on certain public health metrics; and

**WHEREAS**, the Forest Preserve District amends Executive Orders 2020-3, 2020-5, and 2020-7 through 2020-11 to account for the variability in the State's COVID-19 related guidance and restrictions.

**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 February 28, 2021,

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

1. Effective February 1, 2021 through February 28, 2021, the Forest Preserve District directives to employees regarding whether to work on-site, remotely, or a combination of both shall be consistent with the State's restrictions set forth in Governor JB Pritzker's then applicable COVID-19 executive order(s) and any related applicable laws. Employees shall continue to receive direction from the General Superintendent and/or Department Heads regarding their responsibilities.
2. Effective February 1, 2021 through February 28, 2021, any efforts by the Forest Preserve District to allow or limit public access to Forest Preserve District buildings and other property shall be consistent with the State's restrictions set forth in Governor JB Pritzker's then applicable COVID-19 executive order(s) 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 consistent with the State's restrictions set forth in Governor JB Pritzker's then applicable COVID-19 executive order(s) and any related applicable laws.
4. *Extension*: If the Cook County Board of Commissioners extends the March 10, 2020 Proclamation of Disaster beyond February 28, 2021, then this Executive Order 2021-1 is extended to be contemporaneously effective with such extended Proclamation of Disaster.

**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

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Dated: January 31, 2021

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Matthew B. DeLeon". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

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Matthew B. DeLeon  
Board Secretary

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