

May 1, 2020

Gurnee Business Partner:

Illinois Governor JB Pritzker's new executive order, modifying and [extending the state's Stay-at-Home order through May](#), takes effect today.

Enforcing the Face Covering Requirement – Serving our Customers, Together

Anyone over age two, medically able to tolerate a face covering, is now required to do so in public places where they are not able to maintain a six-foot distance from others, notably including indoor spaces such as stores.

The best thing we can do for our customers and visitors is to provide a safe place to shop, dine, and recreate in Gurnee! Signage at businesses' front entrance will serve as a helpful reminder of the face covering requirement; if a patron refuses to comply and is **asked to leave** the premises, it then becomes a trespassing charge which is enforceable by the Gurnee Police Department. It's important that patrons **not** be allowed to enter the store without a face covering. Use 9-1-1 for immediate Police response. For advance (non-emergency) guidance, feel free to contact the Department at 847-599-7000 and request to speak with a supervisor. These are challenging times, and we are here to help our businesses navigate them.

Other modifications in the new extended order will allow:

- retail stores not considered essential to provide curbside pickup or delivery of orders
 - We've Got It – TO GO! Please support [Gurnee businesses offering TO GO services](#)
 - many Gurnee Mills retailers will be offering curbside pickup at entrances B and E (or anchor stores' own lots), Monday–Saturday, 11am–6pm, Sunday 12pm–5pm
- greenhouses/nurseries/garden centers and pet grooming services to reopen
- some state parks to be reopened
- fishing and boating with no more than two people
- golf courses to reopen under strict guidelines. [Bittersweet Golf Club](#) is open and accepting tee time reservations at 847.855.9031
- schools to establish procedures and allow pick-up of necessary supplies and student belongings
- hospitals and surgi-centers to resume certain elective procedures

Readiness for Reopening

This [Business Supply/Resource Guide](#) assists with sourcing of masks, gloves, cleaning and sanitizing supplies/services, shields, and other critical supplies needed to reopen.

Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) Mandatory Posting

This [notification](#) is now required by IDPH to be posted where employees are physically reporting to a worksite.

Lake County Health Department (LCHD) Business Briefings

A weekly Covid-19 briefing is offered on Thursdays at 11:00AM, specifically tailored to the business community. [Sign up for conference calls, listen to past recordings, and submit your questions.](#)

Financial Assistance

Rapid Response funds have been made available via local workforce development agencies to assist small businesses in mitigating layoffs and adhering to social distancing provisions. Funds (\$5,000-\$50,000 per employer) may be available to reimburse expenses such as special cleaning/sanitizing services, purchase of computer software and hardware for remote working, cross-functional training, etc. Contact Jeffrey Hubert, Employment Specialist, Lake County Workforce Development, JHubert@lakecountyil.gov.

The Small Business Administration resumed accepting Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan applications this week. For more information visit sba.gov/paycheckprotection. For assistance with the process, the Small Business Development Center at College of Lake County, IllinoisSBDC@clcollinois.edu, 847.543.2033 is a great resource and is in contact with many local lenders, including some still accepting applications.



Kristina M. Kovarik, Mayor

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As always, please visit the Village's [Small Business Covid-19 Assistance](#) page for the latest resources and information.

Gurnee's *(safely)* Got It! Thank you for all you do to keep our community healthy and prosperous.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kristina Kovarik". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Kristina M. Kovarik
Mayor, Village of Gurnee