



## Logan County Board

P.O. Box 39  
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### PROCLAMATION OF A DISASTER IN LOGAN COUNTY ILLINOIS

WHEREAS, a significant outbreak of Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) emerged in China; and

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

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, Logan County is continuing its efforts to prepare for any eventuality given that this is a novel illness with known health risks to the elderly and those with serious chronic medical conditions; and

WHEREAS, 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, covering coughs and sneezes with a tissue, washing hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, and routinely cleaning frequently touched surfaces and objects to increase community resilience and readiness for responding to an outbreak; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of Logan County to be prepared to address any disasters and therefore, it is necessary and appropriate to make additional resources within Logan County available to ensure that the effects of COVID-19 are mitigated and minimized and that residents and visitors in Logan County remain safe and secure; and

WHEREAS, this proclamation will activate Logan County's emergency operations plan by proclaiming that a disaster exists within Logan County, this proclamation of disaster will assist the residents of Logan County, by and through its Emergency Management Agency and through coordination of federal, state, county and municipal resources and response activities, in an effort to prevent and reduce further damage and hazards, protect the health and safety of persons, protect property and provide emergency response;

NOW THEREFORE I, Emily Davenport, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Chairman of the board of, Logan County Illinois, pursuant to the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, 20 ILCS 3305/11, proclaim that a disaster exists within Logan County, Illinois.

This proclamation is effective on March 19, 2020 and shall continue for a period not to exceed seven days, unless extended by the County Board of Logan County.

Approved:

Attest:

Emily Davenport  
Logan County Board Chair

Theresa Moore  
Logan County Clerk



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Today's Proclamation of a Disaster in Logan County is a measured response to public health emergency involving COVID-19 (commonly referred to as the Coronavirus Disease). Logan County acknowledges and understands that COVID-19 is a serious respiratory illness that can spread among people through breathing. Logan County further understands that older adults and people who have serious chronic medical conditions such as heart disease, diabetes, or lung disease are at a higher risk of more severe illness.

As more people become infected by the virus and affects more people in Central Illinois and our surrounding communities, it is a matter of time before residents of Logan County are diagnosed with the disease; however, Logan County is prepared for this eventuality.

The Logan County Emergency Management Agency protects and assists the citizens of Logan County through planning, prevention, training, mitigation, response, and recovery to disasters. The Agency exists to plan for and respond to public health emergencies like COVID-19. Logan County is prepared to meet the needs of the community and today's Proclamation activates the Logan County's Emergency Operations Plan so that Logan County may access resources necessary to effectuate the plan.

Today's Proclamation does NOT affect the jurisdiction or responsibilities of police forces or fire fighting forces; it merely authorizes the furnishing of required financial support and assistance to the Emergency Management Agency.