

**ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO  
No. 2020-1**

**(SHELTER IN PLACE FOR COVID-19 ILLNESS)**

Issued and Effective: March 18, 2020

**WHEREAS**, The Municipal Code of Chicago authorizes the Commissioner of Health of the City of Chicago to implement emergency measures to stop the spread of communicable diseases, and to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the City's residents, including, but not limited to, authority granted in sections 2-112-160(a)(4) and 2-112-170, and 77 Ill. Adm. Code 690.1310(c); and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 is a communicable disease that presents an extraordinarily severe and unprecedented threat to the residents of Chicago. It is necessary and appropriate for the Commissioner of Health to take immediate measures to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the City's residents; and

**WHEREAS**, To prevent the spread of COVID-19, it is essential that anyone exhibiting symptoms of illness indicative of COVID-19 shelters in their place of residence; now, therefore,

**The Commissioner of Health of the City of Chicago hereby orders as follows:**

**SECTION 1.** The following terms wherever used in this Order shall have the following meanings unless a different meaning appears from the context:

"COVID-19 Illness" means demonstrating symptoms of acute respiratory disease, including, but not limited to, new onset of fever, cough, shortness of breath, congestion in the nasal sinuses or lungs, sore throat, body aches, or unusual fatigue. A person is considered to have COVID-19 illness until such person is free of fever (100.4° F (38.0° C) or greater using an oral thermometer), and any of the other symptoms described herein, for at least 72 hours, without the use of fever-reducing or other symptom-altering medicines (e.g. cough suppressants).

"Place of residence" means the home or other place at which a person usually resides, but in a location apart from other household members, such as a separate area of the place of residence, to the extent practicable. A place of residence shall include an isolation location designated by the Commissioner of Health if necessary to: (1) isolate a person with COVID-19 illness from a vulnerable person living at the place of residence, or (2) provide a place of residence for a person suffering from COVID-19 illness.

**SECTION 2.** Any resident of the City of Chicago having COVID-19 illness shall shelter in their place of residence. No person having COVID-19 illness shall go to their workplace or congregate setting in the City of Chicago. Any resident of the City of Chicago having COVID-19 illness shall only leave their place of residence to seek necessary clinical care or evaluation, or for essential life sustaining needs, such as obtaining medicine or food.

**SECTION 3.** In addition to any other penalty provided by law, any person who violates this Order shall be subject to the fines set forth in Section 2-112-340 of the Municipal Code.

**SECTION 4.** This Order shall remain in effect until the Commissioner of Health makes a written determination that the threat to public health posed by COVID-19 has diminished to the point that this Order can be safely repealed.



Dated: 3/18/20

---

Allison Arwady, MD,  
Commissioner of Health of the City of Chicago