

March 17, 2020

Executive Order 2020-01

EXECUTIVE ORDER IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19
(COVID-19 EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 01)

WHEREAS, in late 2019, a new and significant outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) emerged; and,

WHEREAS, Coronavirus Disease 2019 (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, despite efforts to contain COVID-19, the World Health Organization and the Center for Disease Control (CDC) indicate that it is expected to spread; and,

WHEREAS, in communities with confirmed COVID-19 cases, the CDC currently recommends mitigation measures, including practicing social distancing, staying at home when sick, staying home when a household member is sick with respiratory disease symptoms or when instructed to do so by public health officials or a health care provider, and keeping away from others who are sick; and

WHEREAS, JB Pritzker, Governor of Illinois, declared all counties in the State of Illinois as a disaster area on March 9, 2020 (“Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation”); and,

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization characterized the COVID-19 outbreak as a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to take measures to ensure that essential Village employees are able to carry out critical Village functions effectively and safely; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and appropriate for the Village to immediately take measures to protect the public’s health in public spaces in response to COVID-19;

THEREFORE, by the powers vested in me as the President of Buffalo Grove, and pursuant to Section 2.56 of the Village Code, I hereby declare that a state of emergency exists within the Village of Buffalo Grove and order the following:

Section 1. All places of public assemblage are hereby closed. A public assemblage does not include normal work attendance.

Section 2. The Village of Buffalo Grove Village Hall and all public lobbies, offices and meeting rooms in public buildings are hereby closed except for essential services which shall be continued to be provided. In the event that in-person service is needed, residents are to schedule an appointment using the information that is set forth on the Village website.

