



# Village of Kirkland

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## **Village of Kirkland COVID-19 Informational Release**

Village President Ryan Block and the Village of Kirkland have been closely monitoring the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic. Village officials have been receiving updates via conference calls from the Governor's Office who has been working closely with the Illinois Department of Health and CDC. The Village of Kirkland also receives updates on Executive Orders issued by Governor JB Pritzker and how the Village assists with these efforts. The Village of Kirkland encourages residents to use the DeKalb County Health Department as a resource or contact the Illinois Coronavirus Hotline at 1 (800) 889-3931 with any questions or concerns.

As of today, Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, no cases of COVID-19 have not been reported in DeKalb County; however, it is expected that this virus will impact every part of our state and nation at some point. The Village is strongly recommending that residents follow the advice of public health officials, including:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water is not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Do not touch your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick and avoid locations or gatherings with large number of people present.

As many of you may know, schools have been closed beginning today and continuing thru Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. In addition, all restaurants, bars and similar establishments will only be allowed to provide carry-out, delivery or drive-up services beginning tomorrow, Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> and continue these limited services thru Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. Lastly, the State of Illinois will shut down all Video Gaming Machines at 9:00 P.M. tonight (March 16<sup>th</sup>) and will not resume service until Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>.

To ensure the health and welfare of fellow residents and Village employees, we ask that anyone who is ill avoid visiting public places and public events. If you have a concern that can be communicated via phone rather than in person at Village Hall, please do so. Utility payments can also be made online via our website. At this time, the Village of Kirkland will also SUSPEND all Late Fees and Shutoffs of Village Utility services and will communicate at a later date when these fees are reimplemented. As of now, the Village of Kirkland Board Meeting scheduled for Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup> will take place and any changes to this meeting will be communicated at a timely manner.

Lastly, if you are ill and require emergency services from our Police Department and/or Fire District, we ask that you inform the 911 dispatcher of any potential illness in your location. We will notify the community of any significant updates as they become available via social media and our website. Again, for more information regarding COVID-19, please contact the DeKalb County Health Department Communicable Diseases Department at (815) 748-2467.