

Michael Bayler, *Mayor*

VILLAGE OF FISHER

100 East School Street

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Incorporated May 1, 1895

Fisher, Illinois 61843

Jeremy Reale, *Administrator*

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Date: March 20, 2020
To: Citizens of Fisher
From: Michael Bayler, Mayor
Jeremy Reale, Administrator
Re: Village of Fisher Statement on Governor's "Stay at Home" Order

On March 20, Governor J.B. Pritzker issued a new Executive Order mandating that all Illinoisans remain in their homes, except for conducting essential business or services, beginning at 5:00pm on Saturday, March 21, 2020 and continuing through April 7, 2020. This measure is designed to "flatten the curve" of positive cases of the Covid-19 coronavirus pandemic by limiting physical contact between individuals as much as possible to slow further transmission of the virus.

During this period, all "non-essential" businesses are required to remain closed. Essential businesses and service providers will remain open to serve the public, including but not limited to: grocery stores, carryout/delivery food services, gas stations, financial institutions, Laundromats, pharmacies, health care services, and government services. Local roads, highways and interstates will remain open and residents are permitted to travel as needed to report to work, purchase food/supplies, seek health services, conduct essential business, and care for/transport family members, friends or pets from another household. Residents may also utilize parks/recreational areas and other public spaces for physical exercise such as walking, running, hiking, and cycling; however, they are expected to practice safe social distancing from others in public.

The Village of Fisher is fully committed to protecting the health and safety of our citizens and employees, and therefore strongly encourages all residents to follow the protocols specified in Governor Pritzker's Executive Order. In response to the Executive Order, the Village will continue the measures previously adopted to protect public health as well as implementing additional restrictions necessary to comply with the terms of the order:

- Village offices and buildings will continue to be closed to walk-in traffic during this period. Village employees are working as normal, and are available to assist the public by telephone, email or mail. Staff is also available by appointment to meet with residents in person.
- Village parks will remain open to the public; **however; the use of playground equipment is not permitted in accordance with the Executive Order.** This measure is necessary because playground equipment provides a large amount of surface area that can harbor germs and potentially spread the virus to users.
- During this period, no gatherings will be permitted in Village buildings. **As a result of this order, any gatherings or events previously scheduled through April 7 for the Fisher Community Center are cancelled.**

As this situation evolves, Village officials will remain in constant contact with State and local government partners and public health officials to determine the most appropriate strategy for protecting our residents. We will continue to communicate any new information with our residents through the Village's website (www.fisher.il.us) and in various social media platforms.

During this time of uncertainty and hardship for many in Fisher and throughout the nation, the Village cannot express enough how greatly we appreciate the cooperation and sacrifice that our residents and business community have shown and will continue to show as leaders seek to address the ongoing public health crisis.
