



Kane County Board Chairman Issues Public Health Emergency Declaration for COVID-19

March 17, 2020 – The Kane County Health Department (KCHD) announced today that Chris Lauzen, Chairman of the Kane County Board, has issued a Public Health Emergency Declaration for Kane County, Illinois in response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The measure allows KCHD to shift resources quickly to assist affected residents, businesses and communities.

This order, issued today, expires in seven days unless extended by resolution of the Kane County Board. The Declaration notes:

There are currently 105 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Illinois, with three confirmed cases in Kane County. Kane County has limited funding and resources to respond to this pandemic, and by making a formal declaration under Section 11 of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act the County is enabled the County to respond best to protect the interests and safety of its residents.

The Declaration also orders coordination between the Kane County Office of Emergency Management and KCHD to “proceed with all haste to bring said public health emergency to a rapid conclusion in the best interest of the residents of Kane County pursuant to the provisions of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act and the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, as amended.”

On Saturday, the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) confirmed the third positive case of COVID-19 in the county. The patient is being treated at a hospital outside of the county.

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KCHD understands there is a high demand for information. We want to provide as much information as possible, but our top priority is investigating all cases and protecting patient confidentiality. We are sharing as much information as we can as soon as we can.

If you think you have the symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, cough, and difficulty breathing), please stay at home and **CALL** your doctor or health provider first to report a suspected illness. Your health care provider will order testing. **COVID-19 tests are NOT done at the Kane County Health Department.**

As in all viral cases, you should wash your hands frequently, avoid interacting with people who are sick and make sure you are up to date on your immunizations.

For additional information and current updates on the COVID-19 situation, visit the KCHD website at KaneHealth.com or call the health department at 630-208-3801.

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Public Health Emergency Declaration



County of Kane, State of Illinois

Under authority of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act (20 ILCS 3305/11), I, Christopher J. Lauzen, Chairman of the Kane County Board, upon recommendation from the Executive Director of the County's Health Department and Director of the County's Office of Emergency Management, do hereby declare that a public health emergency, which meets the legal definition of "disaster" under the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, exists within the County of Kane, State of Illinois, due to the following reasons:

Currently there is a significant outbreak of Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). Despite efforts to contain COVID-19, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization has characterized COVID-19 as a pandemic, and on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared the COVID-19 outbreak a national emergency.. The Governor of Illinois issued a state-wide disaster proclamation on March 9, 2020. There are currently 105 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Illinois, with three confirmed cases in Kane County. Kane County has limited funding and resources to respond to this pandemic, and making a formal declaration under Section 11 of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act enables the County to respond best to protect the interests and safety of its residents.

Therefore, in the best interest and public safety of Kane County residents, I hereby order the Executive Director of the Kane County Health Department and the Director of the Kane County Office of Emergency Management to coordinate the County's response and proceed with all haste to bring said public health emergency to a rapid conclusion in the best interest of the residents of Kane County pursuant to the provisions of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act and the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, as amended.

This Proclamation is effective immediately and shall expire at midnight seven days from the date shown, unless extended by resolution of the Kane County Board.

3/17/2020

Date

Kane County Board Chairman

Filed this _____ day of _____, _____, with the County Clerk

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