



## **EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-2**

**Issued by**

**TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT,  
COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Cook County, Illinois**

**March 12, 2020**

**WHEREAS**, the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services declared that COVID-19 presents a public health emergency on January 27, 2020, and the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic, pointing to over 118,000 cases of the coronavirus illness in over 110 countries and territories around the world and the sustained risk of further global spread; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Cook County Code of Ordinances, Sections 26-36 and the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, 20 ILCS 3305/11, on March 10, 2020, County Board President Toni Preckwinkle found that the circumstances surrounding COVID-19 constitute a public health emergency and issued a proclamation of disaster for Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the Proclamation of Disaster issued by Cook County on March 10, 2020, the Department of Emergency Management and Regional Security is coordinating county and municipal resources and response activities in an effort to prevent and reduce further damage and hazards, protect the health and safety of persons, protect property and provide emergency assistance pursuant to Illinois law; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the policy of Cook County to be prepared to address any disasters and in accordance with Cook County's March 10, 2020 Proclamation of Disaster place restrictions on work related travel for Cook County employees to help ensure that the effects of COVID-19 are mitigated and minimized and that Cook County employees are and remain safe.

**NOW THEREFORE**, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of the State of Illinois, the laws of the State of Illinois, the Ordinances of Cook County and the March 10, 2020 Proclamation of Disaster,

I, TONI PRECKWINKLE, President of the County of Cook, **DO HEREBY ORDER**, as follows:

1. All Cook County employee work related travel for conferences, continuing education, seminars, and lobbying activities that may occur outside the County of Cook shall be cancelled and

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prohibited through May 1, 2020 unless said travel is otherwise deemed essential by the employee's Department Head and controlling elected or agency official.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDERED**, that, this order shall take effect upon its execution and filing with the County Clerk and that immediate notice of this order be delivered by the County Clerk to the offices under the jurisdiction of the County Board President, the eleven separately elected officials, the seventeen members of the County Board, and the Cook County Health and Hospitals System Board.



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Toni Preckwinkle  
President

Dated: March 12, 2020

ATTEST:



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Karen A. Yarbrough  
Cook County Clerk

Received and Filed: March 12, 2020