

The City of Du Quoin to Notify Businesses of the Governor of Illinois' Closing of All Non-Essential Businesses

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Du Quoin, IL. -- Today, Governor Pritzker Signed Executive Order 2020-10 requiring citizens to Stay at Home; practice Social Distancing Requirements; and the closure of Non-Essential Businesses. The Order can be read in its entirety on the [coronavirus.illinois.gov](https://www.coronavirus.illinois.gov) website.

Under Executive Order 2020-10, effective Saturday, March 21st at 5:00pm, All nonessential establishments, including most retail, recreation, and entertainment businesses must close.

This order does not restrict essential activities like going to the grocery store, receiving medical care, or taking your pet for a walk. Furthermore, it does not restrict a place of business from offering food and beverage using delivery service, window service, walk-up service, drive-through service, or drive-up service. Restaurants are encouraged to do so while using precautions to mitigate potential transmission of COVID-19. Patrons are not permitted to dine-in, must keep social distance of at least six feet, and are limited to no more than ten people in the restaurant.

These restrictions do not apply to the following essential services, including but not limited to: grocery stores, gas stations, pharmacies, police stations, fire stations, hospitals, clinics and healthcare operations, and garbage/sanitation. A full list can be found in the executive order at [coronavirus.illinois.gov](https://www.coronavirus.illinois.gov). Order restrictions will remain in place until Tuesday, April 7, 2020 or until further notice as directed by the Governor.

“The safety of our citizens is always our top priority,” said Mayor Alongi. “The City of Du Quoin understands that the Governors proclamation may make things tough for the time being, but we know we are going to get through this, and it will require everyone doing their part. That means making smart choices and not putting yourself or others at risk.” The City of Du Quoin will continue the day to day operations. The City Clerk’s office will remain open Monday through Friday from 7:30am to 4:30pm. However, walk-in payments in the lobby for Water/Sewer will not be accepted until the Governor’s order is lifted. Payments can be placed in the drop box, made online, or over the phone by dialing (877)231-0983.

Information around this outbreak is changing rapidly. The City will continue to provide updates on the website at [duquoin.org](https://www.duquoin.org) and on social media. Extensive information is also available at [Coronavirus.illinois.gov](https://www.coronavirus.illinois.gov) and [CDC.gov/Coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus).