

PRESS RELEASE for March 16, 2020

DU QUOIN INITIATES PRACTICES TO CONTAIN COVID-19 VIRUS

DU QUOIN, ILLINOIS—Based upon the orders issued statewide by the Governor, the City of Du Quoin is initiating a series of temporary procedures designed to reduce the spread of the Covid-19 virus. These procedures will be initiated on Tuesday, March 17 and remain in effect until further notice.

The Du Quoin City Hall will remain open for daily business. However, it will be closed to the general public. Events and meetings which have been scheduled in the City Hall will be cancelled. Special arrangement may be made for business or city meeting of importance and necessary for city operations (call 618-542-3841). Payments for water bills and other city services may be made at the City Clerk's Office per normal practice.

Restaurant's and bars, by order of Governor Pritzker, must close by 9PM on Monday, March 16th. Restaurants may remain open for business to provide drive thru and take out services, but the public seating areas must be closed. Bars are required to close, as per the order. However, the order does not apply to package liquor sales. These orders are in effect until March 30th.

The Du Quoin Public Library will be closed to the public beginning Tuesday, March 17th.

However, books will be available to the public through curbside service. Library patrons may order books online or by calling 618-542-5045. The books will be delivered to patrons in their cars. Simply follow the instructions given by the library staff. Library hours will be 10AM to 5PM Monday thru Friday.

The City of Du Quoin urges local businesses and agencies to implement measures that assist in reducing the spread of the Covid-19 virus. No cases of the virus have been reported in the Du Quoin Area. Nevertheless, practicing social distancing and preparing for remote working situations will assist in preventing the spread of the virus.

“These are unusual and difficult times,” said Du Quoin Mayor Guy Alongi. “We all need to practice social distancing and remain diligent in regard to personal hygiene and contact with individuals or surfaces that might harbor the virus. Everyone should try to take on activities that promote health and cleanliness.”