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The Donald E. Stephens Convention Center is continuing to monitor the evolving situation regarding COVID-19. We are committed to taking the necessary steps to ensure the safety and well being of our customers and employees.

Currently the Convention Center follows and practices the prevention strategies set forth by the CDC and EPA and adheres to the recommendations set forth in the U.S. EPA's emerging Pathogen Policy regarding cleaning disinfectants. The Donald E. Stephens Convention Center has responded to this event by taking several actions, including the following:

- Increasing the frequency of its sanitation and disinfectant practices particularly in high traffic and high touch areas including hand rails, washrooms, doors and door knobs.
- Increasing the strength of the disinfecting solution used.
- Increasing training and personnel to identify and prevent the transmission of COVID-19.
- Providing notices for individuals regarding the use of recommended personal hygiene practices to prevent the transmission of COVID-19

**Hand Sanitation Stations:** The Donald E. Stephens Convention Center has positioned hand sanitizer stations in key high-traffic areas throughout its facility in order to prevent the spread of the virus. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines suggest hand washing often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds using alcohol-based hand sanitizers to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

**Training:** The Rosemont Public Safety Department, Paramedics/EMT, Event Staff and Security personnel have been educated and trained in identifying and recognizing the signs, symptoms and prevention of COVID-19

**Monitoring:** The Donald E. Stephens Convention Center will continue to remain in close contact with local and federal authorities/agencies for the latest updates and recommendations as they become available.

For the most current information, please visit the CDC's COVID-19 webpage:  
<https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2020/a0303-COVID-19-update.html.html>

Below, we have included several links and resources that include relevant and current information.

**Chicago:**

City's Department of Public Health: <https://chicago.gov/coronavirus>

**Counties:**

Cook: <https://www.cookcountyiil.gov/service/letter-president-regarding-coronavirus>

DeKalb: <https://health.dekalbcounty.org/coronavirus/>

Du Page: <https://www.dupagehealth.org/590/Coronavirus-Disease-2019-COVID-19-Inform>

Kane: <http://www.kanehealth.com/>

Kendall: <http://www.kendallhealth.org/news/coronavirus-disease-covid-19-advice-for-the-public/>

Lake: <https://www.lakecountyiil.gov/4377/Coronavirus-Disease-2019-COVID-19>

McHenry: <https://www.mchenrycountyiil.gov/county-government/departments-a-i/health-department/public-health-nursing/communicable-disease-program/covid-19-coronavirus>

Will: Refers people to Illinois Department of Public Health website (see below)

Winnebago: [http://www.wchd.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=749&Itemid=1336](http://www.wchd.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=749&Itemid=1336)

**State:**

Illinois Department of Public Health: <http://www.dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/diseases-a-z-list/coronavirus>

**Federal:**

Center for Disease Control: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

**International:**

World Health Organization: <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public>

**Helpful resources**

- The Village of Rosemont, [www.rosemont.com](http://www.rosemont.com)
- The [City of Chicago](http://www.cityofchicago.org) shares local updates, travel alerts and tips to help minimize risk.
- [Meetings Mean Business](http://www.meetingsmeanbusiness.com) shares talking points and media templates.
- The [U.S. Travel Association](http://www.usatrade.org) offers healthy travel practices and guidance for travelers.
- The [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](http://www.cdc.gov) features the latest global updates, health and travel information and guidance for large gatherings.
- The [World Health Organization](http://www.who.int) offers advice, reports and updates on the outbreak.

The Donald E. Stephens Convention Center will continue to monitor and communicate any additional information as it becomes available.



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## CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)

### WHAT IS CORONAVIRUS?

COVID-19 IS THE EVOLVING RESPIRATORY ILLNESS ORIGINALLY IDENTIFIED IN WUHAN, CHINA AND IS NOW BEEN DETECTED IN MULTIPLE COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD, INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES. THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (CDC) PROVIDE UPDATES ON THIS RAPIDLY EVOLVING SITUATION AS SOON AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE. FOR THE MOST CURRENT INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT THE CDC'S COVID-19 WEBPAGE

(<https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2020/a0303-COVID-19-update.html.html> ).

AS OF FEBRUARY 29, 2020, THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL GAVE THE FOLLOWING RISK ASSESSMENT:

- FOR THE GENERAL AMERICAN PUBLIC, WHO ARE UNLIKELY TO BE EXPOSED TO THIS VIRUS AT THIS TIME, THE IMMEDIATE HEALTH RISK FROM COVID-19 IS CONSIDERED LOW.
- PEOPLE IN COMMUNITIES WHERE ONGOING COMMUNITY SPREAD WITH THE VIRUS THAT CAUSES COVID-19 HAS BEEN REPORTED ARE AT ELEVATED THOUGH STILL RELATIVELY LOW RISK OF EXPOSURE.
- HEALTHCARE WORKERS CARING FOR PATIENTS WITH COVID-19 ARE AT ELEVATED RISK OF EXPOSURE.
- CLOSE CONTACTS OF PERSONS WITH COVID-19 ALSO ARE AT ELEVATED RISK OF EXPOSURE.
- TRAVELERS RETURNING FROM AFFECTED INTERNATIONAL LOCATIONS WHERE COMMUNITY SPREAD IS OCCURRING ALSO ARE AT ELEVATED RISK OF EXPOSURE.

### WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS OF CORONAVIRUS?

THE SYMPTOMS THAT HAVE BEEN REPORTED RANGE FROM MILD TO SEVERE. THESE INCLUDE:

- FEVER
- COUGH
- SHORTNESS OF BREATH

MORE SEVERE CASES CAN CAUSE PNEUMONIA, SEVERE ACUTE RESPIRATORY SYNDROME, KIDNEY FAILURE AND EVEN DEATH.

## WHAT IS THE VILLAGE OF ROSEMONT DOING REGARDING COVID-19?

THE VILLAGE OF ROSEMONT FOLLOWS AND PRACTICES THE PREVENTION STRATEGIES SET FORTH BY THE CDC AND EPA AND ADHERES TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS SET FORTH IN THE U.S. EPA'S EMERGING PATHOGEN POLICY REGARDING CLEANING DISINFECTANTS. THE VILLAGE HAS RESPONDED TO THIS EVENT BY UNDERTAKING THE FOLLOWING:

### INCREASED SANITATION PRACTICES:

THE VILLAGE OF ROSEMONT HAS INCREASED THE SANITATION PRACTICES AT ITS VILLAGE OWNED VENUES BY:

- INCREASING THE FREQUENCY OF ITS SANITATION AND DISINFECTANT PRACTICES, PARTICULARLY IN HIGH TRAFFIC AND HIGH TOUCH AREAS INCLUDING HAND RAILS, WASHROOMS, DOORS AND DOOR KNOBS.
- INCREASING THE STRENGTH OF THE DISINFECTING SOLUTION USED.
- INCREASING TRAINING AND PERSONNEL TO IDENTIFY AND PREVENT COVID-19.
- PROVIDING NOTICES FOR INDIVIDUALS REGARDING THE USE OF RECOMMENDED PERSONAL HYGIENE PRACTICES

### HAND SANITATION STATIONS:

THE VILLAGE HAS POSITIONED HAND SANITIZER STATIONS IN KEY HIGH-TRAFFIC AREAS THROUGHOUT ITS FACILITIES IN ORDER TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF THE VIRUS. THE U.S. CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION GUIDELINES SUGGEST HAND WASHING OFTEN WITH SOAP AND WATER FOR AT LEAST 20 SECONDS AND USING ALCOHOL-BASED HAND SANITIZERS TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19.

### TRAINING:

THE ROSEMONT PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT, PARAMEDICS/ EMT, EVENT STAFF AND SECURITY PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN EDUCATED AND TRAINED IN IDENTIFYING AND RECOGNIZING THE SIGNS, SYMPTOMS, AND PREVENTION OF COVID-19.

**MONITORING:** THE VILLAGE OF ROSEMONT WILL CONTINUE TO REMAIN IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH LOCAL AND FEDERAL AUTHORITIES/AGENCIES FOR THE LATEST UPDATES AND RECOMMENDATIONS AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE.