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Social Distancing Guidance

(For Immediate Release) The Executive Order from Governor Pritzker allows Essential Businesses and Operations to continue in Illinois. Peoria City/County Health Department, Tazewell County Health Department and Woodford County Health Department encourage the public to be aware of social distancing in all situations, including standing in line to enter an essential business. It is the responsibility of the individual to comply with Social Distancing Requirements, according to COVID-19 Executive Order No. 8.

Social Distancing Requirements include maintaining at least six-foot social distancing from other individuals, washing hands with soap and water for at least twenty seconds as frequently as possible or using hand sanitizer, covering coughs or sneezes (into the sleeve or elbow, not hands), regularly cleaning high touch surfaces, and not shaking hands.

Essential Businesses and Operations must take measures to comply with social distancing, including:

- **Designate six-foot distances.** Designate with signs, tape or other six-foot spacing for employees and customers in line to maintain the correct distance.
- **Hand sanitizer and sanitizing products.** Have hand sanitizer and sanitizing products readily available for employees and customers.
- **Separate operating hours for vulnerable populations.** Implementing separate operating hours for elderly and vulnerable customers.
- **Online and remote access.** Posting online whether a facility is open, best way to reach a facility, and continue services remotely or by phone.

The Executive Order in Response in COVID-19 is here

<https://www2.illinois.gov/Documents/ExecOrders/2020/ExecutiveOrder-2020-10.pdf>

COVID-19 Resource websites:

www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV

<http://dph.illinois.gov>

<https://www.pcchd.org/COVID19>

www.tazewellhealth.org

<http://www.woodfordhealth.org/>