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WHEREAS, since early March 2020, Illinois has faced a pandemic that has caused extraordinary sickness and loss of life, infecting over 335,000 and growing, and taking the lives of thousands of residents; and,

WHEREAS, as Illinois adapts and responds to the public health disaster caused by Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), a novel severe acute respiratory illness that spreads rapidly through respiratory transmissions and that continues to be without an effective treatment or vaccine, the burden on residents, healthcare providers, first responders, and governments throughout the State is unprecedented; and,

WHEREAS, at all times but especially during a public health crisis, protecting the health and safety of Illinoisans is among the most important functions of State government; and,

WHEREAS, public health research and guidance indicates the necessity and efficacy of wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where social distancing measures are difficult to maintain, and indicates that the risk of transmission outdoors is less than the risk of transmission indoors; and,

WHEREAS, public health guidance advises that minimizing physical interactions between people who do not reside in the same household is critical to slowing the spread of COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, as COVID-19 has spread in Illinois over the course of the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamations, the circumstances causing a disaster throughout the State have changed and continue to change, making definitive predictions of the course the virus will take over the coming months extremely difficult; and,

WHEREAS, access to housing helps prevent spread of COVID-19 because individuals with housing are able to minimize physical contact with those outside their households; and,

WHEREAS, temporarily halting eviction proceedings avoids numerous interactions associated with being evicted, including with law enforcement officers, courtroom personnel, landlords, movers, and friends and family who agree to provide temporary housing, as well as, for those who are forced into homelessness, the interactions associated with taking refuge in a shelter; and,

WHEREAS, preventing spread by temporarily halting eviction proceedings thus also prevents spread of COVID-19 in the broader community; and,

WHEREAS, in addition to causing the tragic loss of more than 9,150 Illinoisans and wreaking havoc on the physical health of tens of thousands more, COVID-19 has caused extensive economic loss and continues to threaten the financial welfare of a significant number of individuals and businesses across the nation and the State; and,

WHEREAS, on October 16, 2020, considering the expected continuing spread of COVID-19 and the ongoing health and economic impacts that that will be felt over the coming month by people across the State, I declared all counties in the State of Illinois as a disaster area; and,

WHEREAS, in response to the epidemic emergency and public health emergency described above, I find it necessary to re-issue Executive Orders 2020-03, 2020-04, 2020-07, 2020-08, 2020-09, 2020-11, 2020-12, 2020-15, 2020-16, 2020-17, 2020-20, 2020-21, 2020-22, 2020-23, 2020-24, 2020-25, 2020-26, 2020-27, 2020-28, 2020-29, 2020-30, 2020-34, 2020-35, 2020-36, 2020-41, 2020-42, 2020-43, 2020-45, 2020-47, 2020-50, 2020-53, 2020-56, and 2020-57 and hereby incorporate the WHEREAS clauses of those Executive Orders;

THEREFORE, by the powers vested in me as the Governor of the State of Illinois, pursuant to the Illinois Constitution and Sections 7(1), 7(2), 7(3), 7(8), 7(9), and 7(12) of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, 20 ILCS 3305, and consistent with the powers in public health laws, I hereby order the following, effective October 16, 2020:

Part 1: Re-Issue of Executive Orders.

Executive Orders 2020-03, 2020-04, 2020-07, 2020-08, 2020-09, 2020-11, 2020-12, 2020-15, 2020-16, 2020-17, 2020-20, 2020-21, 2020-22, 2020-23, 2020-24, 2020-25, 2020-26, 2020-27, 2020-28, 2020-29, 2020-30, 2020-34, 2020-35, 2020-36, 2020-41, 2020-42, 2020-43, 2020-45, 2020-47, 2020-50, 2020-53, 2020-56, and 2020-57 hereby are re-issued by this Executive Order 2020-59 as follows:

Executive Order 2020-04 (Closure of James R. Thompson Center; waiver of sick leave requirement for State employees):

Sections 2 and 3 of Executive Order 2020-04 are re-issued and extended through **November 14, 2020**. Nothing in Section 2 precludes the Department of Central Management Services from designating specific points of ingress and egress and controlling traffic flow in the James R. Thompson Center for State employees, members of the public attending to State business, and members of the public patronizing the businesses and food court.

Executive Order 2020-07 (In-person meeting requirements):

Section 6 of Executive Order 2020-07, as amended by Executive Order 2020-33 and Executive Order 2020-44, is re-issued and extended through **November 14, 2020**.

Executive Order 2020-08 (Secretary of State operations):

Sections 3, 4, and 5 of Executive Order 2020-08, as amended by Executive Order 2020-39 and Executive Order 2020-44, are re-issued and extended through **November 14, 2020**.

Executive Order 2020-09 (Telehealth):

Executive Order 2020-09, as amended by Executive Order 2020-52, is re-issued in its entirety and extended through **November 14, 2020**.

Executive Order 2020-11 (Illinois Department of Corrections notification period):

Section 4 of Executive Order 2020-11 is re-issued and extended through **November 14, 2020**.

Executive Order 2020-12 (Health care worker background checks; Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice notification period):

Sections 1 and 3 of Executive Order 2020-12 are re-issued and extended through **November 14, 2020**.

Executive Order 2020-15 (Suspending provisions of the Illinois School Code):

Sections 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 of Executive Order 2020-15 are re-issued and extended through **November 14, 2020**.

Executive Order 2020-16 (Suspension of classroom training requirement for security services):

Section 2 of Executive Order 2020-16 is re-issued and extended through **November 14, 2020**.

Executive Orders 2020-03 and 2020-17 (Cannabis deadlines and applications):

Executive Orders 2020-03 and 2020-17, as modified by Executive Order 2020-18, are re-issued and shall remain in effect as specified by Executive Order 2020-18.

Executive Order 2020-20 (Public assistance requirements):

Executive Order 2020-20 is re-issued in its entirety and extended through **November 14, 2020**.

Executive Order 2020-21 (Furlough of Illinois Department of Corrections inmates):

Executive Order 2020-21 is re-issued in its entirety and extended through **November 14, 2020**.

Executive Order 2020-22 (Placements under the Child Care Act of 1969; fingerprint submissions under Health Care Worker Background Check Act):

Sections 4, 5, and the Savings Clause of Executive Order 2020-22 are re-issued and extended through **November 14, 2020**.

Executive Order 2020-23 (Actions by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation for licensed professionals engaged in disaster response):

Executive Order 2020-23 is re-issued in its entirety and extended through **November 14, 2020**.

Executive Order 2020-24 (Illinois Department of Human Services Forensic Treatment Program; investigations of Illinois Department of Human Services employees):

Executive Order 2020-24 is re-issued in its entirety and extended through **November 14, 2020**.

Executive Order 2020-25 (Garnishment and wage deductions):

Executive Order 2020-25, as amended by Executive Order 2020-55, is re-issued in its entirety and extended through **November 14, 2020**.

Executive Order 2020-26 (Hospital capacity):

Sections 2(e), 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 of Executive Order 2020-26 are re-issued and extended through **November 14, 2020**.

Executive Order 2020-27 (Cadavers testing positive for COVID-19):

Executive Order 2020-27 is re-issued in its entirety and extended through **November 14, 2020**.

Executive Order 2020-28 (Industrial radiography certifications):

Executive Order 2020-28, as amended by Executive Order 2020-55, is re-issued in its entirety and extended through **November 14, 2020**.

Executive Order 2020-29 (In-person education or exams for professional insurance licenses):

Executive Order 2020-29 is re-issued in its entirety and extended through **November 14, 2020**.

Executive Order 2020-30 (Filing of residential eviction actions; enforcement of residential eviction orders; expired consular identification documents; electronic filings for the Illinois Human Rights Commission):

Executive Order 2020-30, as amended by Executive Order 2020-48 and Executive Order 2020-52, is re-issued in its entirety and extended through **November 14, 2020**.

Executive Order 2020-34 (Cannabis requirements):

Executive Order 2020-34 is re-issued in its entirety and extended through **November 14, 2020**.

Executive Order 2020-35 (Illinois Department of Public Health regulatory activities):

Sections 14, 15, 16, and 17 of Executive Order 2020-35 are re-issued and extended through **November 14, 2020**.

Executive Order 2020-36 (Marriage licenses):

Executive Order 2020-36 is re-issued in its entirety and extended through **November 14, 2020**.

Executive Order 2020-41 (Sports wagering):

Executive Order 2020-41 is re-issued in its entirety and extended through **November 14, 2020.**

Executive Order 2020-42 (State Fairs):

Executive Order 2020-42 is re-issued in its entirety and extended through **November 14, 2020**.

Executive Order 2020-43 (Phase 4 Community Revitalization Order):

Executive Order 2020-43, as amended by Executive Order 2020-55 and as further amended and revised below, is re-issued in its entirety and extended through **November 14, 2020**.

- **Requirements for retail stores.** Retail stores must ensure all employees practice social distancing and must take appropriate additional public health precautions, in accordance with DCEO guidance, which include:
- provide face coverings to all employees who are not able to maintain a minimum six-foot social distance from customers and other employees at all times;
- cap occupancy at 50 percent of store capacity, or, alternatively, at the occupancy limits based on store square footage set by the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity; and
- communicate with customers through in-store signage, and public service announcements and advertisements, about the social distancing and face covering requirements set forth in this Order.; and
- discontinue use of reusable bags.

Executive Order 2020-45 (Cannabis licenses):

Executive Order 2020-45 is re-issued in its entirety and shall remain in effect as specified by Executive Order 2020-45.

Executive Order 2020-47 (In-person instruction at preK-12 schools):

Executive Order 2020-47 is re-issued in its entirety and extended through **November 14, 2020.**

Executive Order 2020-50 (Resuming transfers from county jails to Illinois Department of Corrections):

Executive Order 2020-50 is re-issued in its entirety and extended through **November 14, 2020.**

Executive Order 2020-53 (Region 7 mitigations):

Executive Order 2020-53 is re-issued in its entirety and extended through **November 14, 2020.**

Executive Order 2020-56 (Region 1 mitigations):

Executive Order 2020-56 is re-issued in its entirety and extended through **November 14, 2020**.

Executive Order 2020-57 (Cannabis identification cards):

Executive Order 2020-57 is re-issued in its entirety and extended through **November 14, 2020**.

Part 2: Savings Clause. If any provision of this Executive Order or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, this invalidity does not affect any other provision or application of this Executive Order, which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application. To achieve this purpose, the provisions of this Executive Order are declared to be severable.

Issued by the Governor October 16, 2020
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