
DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF FULTON
CITY OF CANTON**

Pursuant to the authority vested in the office of Mayor by the Illinois Municipal Code (60 ILCS 5/11-1-6), the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act (20 ILCS 3305/1 *et seq.*), Ordinance No. 4182 (as amended) of the City of Canton, and other applicable law, I, Kent McDowell, the Mayor of City of Canton, do hereby declare that a Local State of Emergency: (1) existed as of March 17, 2020, when I initially declared a Local State of Emergency; (2) a Local State of Emergency exists at of this date, April 19, 2022; and (3) shall continue until such time as provided in City of Canton Ordinance No. 4182, as amended.

Facts Related to Emergency: The World Health Organization (WHO) declared COVID-19 a Public Health Emergency of International Concern on January 30, 2020, and the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services declared that COVID-19 presents a public health emergency on January 27, 2020. On March 11, 2020, the WHO characterized the COVID-19 outbreak as a pandemic. COVID-19 is a novel severe acute respiratory illness that can spread among people through respiratory transmissions and present with symptoms similar to those of influenza. The burden on residents, healthcare providers, first responders, and governments throughout the State of Illinois has been unprecedented. Certain populations are at higher risk of experiencing more severe illness as a result of COVID-19, including older adults and people who have serious chronic medical conditions such as heart disease, diabetes, or lung disease.

Despite efforts to contain COVID-19, the virus has continued to spread rapidly, resulting in the need for federal, state, and local governments to take significant steps. COVID-19 vaccines are effective at preventing COVID-19 disease, especially severe illness and death, but a proportion of the population remains unvaccinated and some residents, including younger children, cannot yet receive the vaccine.

The City of Canton is continuing its efforts to prepare for any eventuality given that this is a novel illness and given the known health risks it poses for the young, elderly and those with serious chronic medical conditions. The Governor of the State of Illinois, J.B. Pritzker, initially proclaimed COVID-19 a Disaster on March 9, 2020, and he has re-proclaimed that a disaster exists within the State of Illinois as recent as November 12, 2021. The recitals set forth in and supporting the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation, dated April 1, 2022, are fully restated and incorporated herein.

As of April 14, 2022, the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) indicated 3,092,065 confirmed cases of COVID-19 with 33,504 deaths (*see* www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19) in the State of Illinois. As of April 14, 2022, there have been 10,065 positive (confirmed) cases and 126 deaths in Fulton County, according to the IDPH. As of April 14, 2022, Fulton County has a Community Level of “Low,” according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Nature of Emergency: The COVID-19 outbreak is a “disaster” and “public health emergency” as defined under 20 ILCS 3305/4, as amended. There has been an occurrence of, and there remains an imminent threat of, an outbreak of COVID-19, which may further spread within the corporate limits of the City of Canton, resulting in or threatening the death or injury of persons

to such an extent that extraordinary measures must be taken to protect the public health, safety and welfare.

During the existence of the Local State of Emergency declared hereunder, the Mayor shall execute such authority and executive orders as provided under the Illinois Municipal Code, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, City of Canton Ordinance No. 4182 (as amended), and any other applicable city ordinances or state and/or federal law.

I further declare that in-person meetings or meetings conducted under the Illinois Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/1 *et seq.*) are hereby found to be not practical or prudent because of a disaster. Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/7(e), open or closed meetings may be conducted by audio or video conference, without the physical presence of a quorum of the members, so long as the other provisions of 5 ILCS 120/7(e) are met.

This Declaration of Local State of Emergency shall be filed with the City Clerk as soon as practicable.

I, KENT McDOWELL, whose name is signed to this instrument, being first duly sworn, signed and executed this instrument as the Declaration of Local State of Emergency, and that I signed willingly, and that I executed it as my free and voluntary act for the purposes therein expressed.

Dated this 19th day of April, 2022.



Kent McDowell, Mayor
City of Canton, Illinois

NOTARY ACKNOWLEDGMENT

On this 19th day of April, 2022, Kent McDowell, Mayor of the City of Canton, personally appeared before me and acknowledged the foregoing to be his free act and deed.


Notary Public

Print: Carol Kohler

My Commission Expires: 10-2-22

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