



## Lincolnshire-Riverwoods Fire Protection District

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### *For Immediate Press Release* **Coronavirus (COVID-19)**

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On March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Governor Pritzker issued a disaster proclamation and a state of emergency for Illinois due to the recent outbreak of the novel (new) corona virus (COVID-19). The Lincolnshire-Riverwoods Fire Protection District (LRFD) has been monitoring this situation since January. We are continuously updating our emergency response protocols to ensure we are always providing the latest information to our personnel and confirming they have the proper equipment to serve the changing needs of our community.

The Lincolnshire-Riverwoods Fire Protection District (LRFD) continues to work closely with the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), the Lake County Health Department (LCHD), the Northwest Community Hospital EMS System, local governmental officials and the Center for Disease Control (CDC) as part of standard protocol to monitor and respond to this ongoing and dynamic situation.

The LRFD currently has an operational plan in order to respond effectively and efficiently to this type of response, as well as responding to all other emergency and non-emergency incidents that we face every day. The safety of our community and our members is paramount. The LRFD trains on a daily basis to prepare for a variety of emergencies, including for ones such as this. You can rest assured that we will provide our community with the best care possible.

We remain committed to the health and safety of you and your family and out of an abundance of caution the LRFD will continue to evaluate all LRFD programs and public events to ensure compliance with the latest recommendations from the aforementioned official entities. In the interim, all residents are advised to continue following the IDPH, LCHD and CDC's proactive guidelines to protect your health and that of the community:

- Stay home if you feel sick
- Wash your hands frequently with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds
- Use alcohol-based hand sanitizer when soap and water is not available
- Keep a six (6) feet distance whenever possible
- Keep your hands away from your face
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, place tissue in proper receptacle

The COVID-19 situation is fluid, and new information and guidelines are being posted by the IDPH, LCDH, and the CDC daily. Below are some informational websites to assist you and your families during this time.

Lake County (IL) Health Department (LCHD)

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

Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH)

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

Center for Disease Control (CDC)

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

John Hopkins University & Medicine (Coronavirus Resource Center)

<https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/>

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