

# **Lake Bluff Declares Emergency; Orders Closure of Physical Fitness Facilities**



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LAKE BLUFF, Ill. (March 18, 2020) – The Village of Lake Bluff formally declared a state of emergency concerning the COVID-19 coronavirus at an emergency meeting of the Village Board at 1 p.m. Wednesday.

The declaration requires the Village's physical fitness facilities and membership recreation clubs close as of Thursday, March 19, 2020.

"The most important message is that our residents need to stay home," said Kathleen O'Hara, Village President.

These closures accompany Governor J.B. Pritzker's recent emergency orders closing Illinois schools, prohibiting gatherings of more than 50 people and closing dining areas of bars and restaurants. Prior local actions include the closure of Village, Library and Park District facilities to the public.

The declaration also authorizes emergency purchasing and staffing measures and directs Village Staff to cooperate with other governmental agencies regarding COVID-19.

The Village Board meeting took place via telephone as permitted by the Governor's COVID-19 Executive Order No. 5. The Executive Order suspends state law requiring that members of a public body attend meetings in person.

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