



## Kendall County Press Release

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### COVID-19 Disaster Proclamation

*For immediate release*, On Monday March 16, 2020 Kendall County Board Chairman Scott Gryder issued a Disaster Proclamation in response to the COVID-19 outbreak. Proclaiming a disaster is an essential step in Kendall County's response to a crisis. The proclamation enacts the emergency operations plan and unlocks access to resources, equipment, and personnel in order to assist residents of Kendall County.

The proclamation will allow for greater collaboration with local, state, and federal governments. It also positions the county to access support from the federal government when additional resources are necessary and federal funding becoming available.

"Our government will continue to serve the people of Kendall County," Chairman Gryder said. "We are taking every precaution to limit the spread of the virus in our community."

Kendall County will remain open and will continue to serve our residents. However, we ask that you complete your business with the county over the phone, online, or via email when possible. As part of our coordinated effort, Kendall County is in communication with state and federal officials regarding the evolving COVID-19 response.

The Kendall County Board will continue to meet as scheduled. However, pending further COVID-19 developments, we may decide to cancel meetings. Committee and advisory boards may also be cancelled if business can be postponed.

As a reminder, CDC always recommends everyday healthy behaviors to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses, including:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.