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The mission of the Hoffman Estates Park District is to offer healthy and enjoyable experiences to our residents and guests by providing first class parks, facilities, programs and services in an environmentally and fiscally responsible manner.

**AGENDA
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2020
8:00 PM**

1. ROLL CALL
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
4. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE
5. DISCUSSION OF COVID-19 PREVENTATIVE MEASURES / M20-042
6. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS
7. ADJOURNMENT

All meetings are held in the boardroom of the Scott R. Triphahn Community Center & Ice Arena at 1685 W. Higgins Road in Hoffman Estates, unless otherwise specified. If an accommodation or modification is required to attend this public meeting please call 847-885-7500 with at least 48 hours' notice.

MEMORANDUM M20-042

TO: Board of Commissioners
FROM: Craig Talsma, Executive Director
RE: COVID-19 Preventative Measures
DATE: March 17, 2020

Background:

HE Parks is taking preventative measures to keep our community and staff safe.

Following the CDC recommendations and after Governor Pritzker's press conference on March 12, the following recommendations were issued:

- All large-scale community events exceeding 1000 people be cancelled for the next 30 days.
- All community events of 250 or more should be cancelled or postponed until May 1.
- All major sporting events should be cancelled until May 1.
- Schools should not be cancelled, though the state encourages administrators to make decisions in the best interest of their students.
- Employees that have the ability to work remotely should consider doing so immediately.
- Take extra caution with the most vulnerable population (elderly & immune-compromised residents)

Implications:

As of 12:30pm on March 13, the following events and programs will be closed/cancelled due for preventative measures:

- 50+ Center is closed until further notice.
- All programs and facility rentals until 3/29, including Club group fitness & HIIT classes
- Fish Fry through 3/28
- All special events are cancelled through April 15, including:
 - Family Bingo 3/20
 - March Madness Golf Outing 3/21
 - Breakfast with Bunny 3/28
 - Craft Fair 4/4
 - Dog Egg Hunt 4/4
 - Egg Slide 4/5
 - Egg Hunt 4/11

Estimated summary of financial loss implications due to closure:

- Rentals cancelled: \$23,826
 - TC \$1,664
 - Ice: \$4,368
 - WRC: \$1,338
 - Club: \$4,068
 - Bridges: \$9,388

- Two weeks of membership: *(many members are putting membership on hold vs asking for a refund)*
 - TC \$8,500
 - WRC \$4,250
 - Club \$68,000
- Program pro-rata refunds: *(Staff is currently totaling these numbers and will have an updated number for the board by Tuesday.)*
- Special event cancellations:
 - Spring Break No School Days: \$13,162
 - Craft Fair: approximate \$1000
 - Aqua Egg Hunt: \$135
 - Breakfast with the Bunny \$3,000
- If PT staff are paid over two week closure: \$76,000 for PT2 & \$29,000 for PT1

Staff Recommendation:

As this is a rapidly evolving situation, staff will be monitoring all CDC recommendations to potentially extend all closure/cancellation dates listed above.

Staff is recommending a discussion regarding the closure of all facilities.

COVID-19 Cancellations List – as of 3.13.20 at 4:15pm

AGENCY	What is cancelled
Hoffman Estates Park District	All programs until 3/29. All facility rentals until 3/29.
Schaumburg Park District	Closed for a MIN of 2 weeks (will open facility for election day)
Palatine Park District	Closed until 3/29 Programs held at Harper cancelled until 4/12 (open on election day)
Arlington Heights	Senior Center All special events until April 30 Facilities closed until 3/17
Park District of LaGrange	Senior programs indefinitely Open Gym – including pickleball Tot Play & Indoor Playground
Glenview Park District	Closed until 3/30
Park Ridge Park District	Closed until Sunday
Waukegan Park District	Closed until Tuesday
Rockford Park District	Sports center Ice Arena Play facility
Rolling Meadows Park District	Preschool, CARE, Open Skate, Open Gym, Fitness Center Senior Center & Senior Programs until 3/23
Highland Park Park District	Closed until further notice All memberships put on hold
Woodridge Park District	Senior Trips
Glencoe Park District	All programs & facilities until 3/29
Deerfield Park District	Closed until 4/15
Prospect Heights	Closed until 3/29 (opening facility for election day) Golf Course is OPEN
Mt Prospect	Programs cancelled through Sunday
Streamwood	Preschool, Spring Break camp, Open Gym, Seniors
Glen Ellyn Park District	All programs for 3 weeks. Fitness center remains open, but no programs.

Schools

D15 – Palatine	Closed until 3/29
D211	Closed until 3/29
SD54	Closed until 3/29
Harper College	Closed until April 12
D25 – Arlington Heights	Closed at MIN until 3/29
Buff Grove 102 & Stevenson HS	Closed until April 6

Crystal Lake SD47 & 155	All non-essential buildings & programs
North Central College	Online education online
Aurora University	Online education online

Other

Disney World	Closed until 3/29
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Staying open

Buffalo Grove Park District

Staff Payment

Highland Park Park District	FT employees paid PT employees paid for 2 weeks Seasonal employees not paid
West Chicago Park District	FT employees paid PT staff – paid for 7 days out of 14 day closure
Skokie Park District	FT employees paid PT staff – paid for their scheduled shifts if closed
Glenview Park District	FT employees paid – only essential employees need to show up PT staff paid for the hours they were scheduled over 2 week closure
Carol Stream Park District	FT staff – work remotely or use PTO PT staff – not paid or use PTO
Palatine Park District	FT staff – essential staff to report. All other staff work remotely. PT staff – not paid unless scheduled to work for an essential function
Glen Ellyn Park District	Seeking board approval to maintain payroll for the next 1-2 weeks or allow PT to work on administrative work or clean facility.

This email sent to Property/Casualty Executive Directors, Human Resources Department Heads and Safety Coordinators.



Leading the Way to Risk Management Solutions

PDRMA LRN Alert 20-03

To: Property/Casualty Program Executive Directors, Human Resources Department Heads and Safety Coordinators

From: Tim Conlon, Property/Casualty Program Director

Date: March 13, 2020

RE: COVID-19 (Coronavirus) UPDATE

At his press conference yesterday, Governor JB Pritzker mandated immediate cancellation or postponement of all events of 1,000 or more people and recommended cancelling or postponing all community events with more than 250 people until at least May 1, 2020. He did not close Illinois public schools, although some districts have chosen to close, and members in those communities have followed suit. Currently, absent a more specific order from a public health official with jurisdiction over your agency, the decision to cancel programs and/or close facilities remains the discretion of each agency. In conjunction with corporate counsel, we recommend members assess whether to cancel programs or close facilities. Although the ultimate decision is each member's, PDRMA staff is available to assist in that assessment.

The increasing number of COVID-19 cases, along with the expectation they will continue to emerge, has prompted the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) to advise communities to start identifying mitigation strategies to eliminate community spread. Its recommendations remain consistent with the ones communicated in [LRN Alert 12-02](#) on Feb. 28. For more ways to prevent or reduce the spread of a communicable disease, visit these websites:

- CDC – [Preventing COVID-10 Spread in Communities](#).
- Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) – [Preventing COVID-19 Spread in Communities](#).
- World Health Organization – [EPI-Win](#).

Questions about employee accommodation and/or leave in the face of COVID-19 are growing throughout communities and among our members as planning progresses. Depending on eligibility, your agency may need to make accommodations and/or leave available to an employee under the Family Medical Leave Act and other laws and policies of the agency. Click [here](#) to download PDRMA’s **COVID-19 Employer Guide** for more information.

If you have questions about how to handle a situation with a patron or employee you believe may have been exposed to COVID-19, contact your agency’s corporate counsel or PDRMA’s Legal Services. If someone diagnosed with COVID-19 was at your facility, the health department or CDC will contact your agency as part of its investigation.

If an agency employee is diagnosed with COVID-19, immediately notify the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and CDC for further guidance. PDRMA recommends contacting your agency’s corporate counsel or PDRMA’s Legal Services after notifying the IDPH and CDC.

As members make decisions either to continue to operate or close their facilities, questions about potential liability, employee illnesses and business interruption coverage surface. Below is a summary of how PDRMA coverages might apply based on the spread of COVID-19:

- **Outbreak Expense** – This coverage may apply if a public health official with jurisdiction over your agency suspends your business operations due to the presence of a contagion/communicable disease (COVID-19) that originates at, emanates from or is discovered on your premises. However, closing your facility – even if done by a public health official – does not automatically trigger coverage.

PDRMA will investigate and evaluate all submitted claims for closures to determine if Outbreak Expense Coverage applies. Report all COVID-19 closures via email to newclaims@pdrma.org. Please see the **Outbreak Expense Report** PDF in the **Related Information** section of the [Submit a Claim](#) website page for details on what information to include when submitting a claim until **Outbreak**

Expense Loss Report Form 5 is available on the PDRMA website (before the end of March).

If Outbreak Expense Coverage applies to your agency's closure, the period of suspension begins at 12:01 a.m. the day after you receive the written notice of suspension; the member deductible is the first day of the period of suspension. The initial per-day benefit is \$5,000 with a 30-day maximum. If your actual business interruption and cleaning expenses exceed the per-day benefit, the coverage reimburses up to \$25,000 per day to a maximum benefit of 30 days with an aggregate limit of \$500,000. Your agency should save all receipts regarding cleaning expenses.

Click [here](#) for more information about PDRMA's Outbreak Expense coverage policy.

- **General Liability** – Although we believe a tort liability claim for exposure to COVID-19 related to member programs/facilities is unlikely, PDRMA's liability coverage is applicable if someone alleges she became ill due to your negligence. Should someone make such a claim, report it using **Accident/Incident Report Form 01**. PDRMA will investigate the claim on behalf of the member and respond, and we can use many defenses – including Tort Immunity Act ones – to defend a claim.
- **Workers' Compensation** – Employees that contract COVID-19 may report the illness as an occupational disease under the Illinois Workers' Compensation Act. If an employee believes she has contracted COVID-19 in the workplace, you should report the illness as you would any workplace injury using **Employee Injury Report Form 04** and submit it to PDRMA. We will examine all claims on a case-by-case basis to determine if workers' compensation benefits apply.

From: [Monica Logan](#)
To: [Monica Logan](#)
Date: Friday, March 13, 2020 4:43:52 PM

From: Local Government News <info@list.govrangers.com>
Date: March 13, 2020 at 6:19:29 AM EST
To: "recreation@list.govrangers.com" <recreation@list.govrangers.com>
Subject: News Headlines: 3-13-20
Reply-To: <recreation@list.govrangers.com>

News Headlines: March 13, 2020

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EDUCATION

NCAA tournaments canceled over coronavirus
<https://es.pn/2IUqJuZ>

Big Ten, SEC, ACC, Big 12, PAC 12 cancel conference basketball tournaments
<http://bit.ly/3aSZiO4>

School closures are starting, and they'll have far-reaching economic impacts; School closures might hurt the economy, but keeping them open could make things worse
<http://bit.ly/33irJ5s>

Maryland confirms community spread, will close schools
<http://bit.ly/2TJDyhN>

Maryland And Ohio To Close Schools Statewide Due To Coronavirus
<https://n.pr/39Pdvv9>

Governor of Washington to order month-long closure of all schools in three counties
<http://bit.ly/2IEuuVb>

In fight against COVID-19, Colorado to make child care workers eligible for paid sick leave
<http://bit.ly/2TMhFOY>

9 Questions Parents May Have About Coronavirus

<https://nyti.ms/3cZUtEz>

Classrooms Become the Latest Coronavirus Casualty; Online learning - a wonderful workaround during a contagion - is an educational experiment in a world where teachers are no longer considered authority figures

<https://bloom.bg/2Wa6rW6>

Indiana virtual charter schools linked to a decline in student test scores, a new study shows

<http://bit.ly/38GTYM4>

What to expect as colleges and universities move classes online amid coronavirus fears: 4 questions answered

<http://bit.ly/2QeiTQS>

We must shore up access to food as COVID-19 takes hold

<http://bit.ly/38NOS0s>

Coronavirus-relief bill aims to expand school lunch program; The bill would expand the SNAP program to feed kids while schools are closed

<https://abcn.ws/2TK2LZm>

A proposed bill could limit the amount of time young children are exposed to screens in Minnesota public schools

<https://abcn.ws/2vmTVYk>

ICE Scam Leads to Student Deportations

<http://bit.ly/3aO8XFt>

South Carolina law banning LGBTQ s. education is unconstitutional, judge rules

<https://nbcnews.to/2IUz69T>

Michigan to close all schools for 3 weeks to slow COVID-19 spread

<https://abc7.ws/39TMZRY>

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IHSA boys basketball tournaments canceled because of coronavirus concerns

<http://bit.ly/2U3eVeP>

NAIA championship tournaments canceled; NJCAA championship tournaments postponed

<http://bit.ly/2ILYCK>

"Neither the governor nor the Illinois State Board of Education" will be making decisions to close public schools

<http://bit.ly/3aSIamd>

When Should Schools Close For Coronavirus? "If you wait for the case to occur

[in your school], you still have wound up closing the school, but now you've missed the opportunity to have the real benefit that would have accrued had you closed the school earlier."
<http://bit.ly/3aWiI4B>

Some CPS schools still waiting for cleaning supplies after district promised additional resources
<http://bit.ly/2QbLk1K>

No plans to close Chicago schools, but field trips and sports are off: New CPS coronavirus restrictions
<http://bit.ly/2vVne4y>

University of Chicago is moving to remote learning for undergraduate and graduate classes for the entire spring quarter beginning March 30.
<http://bit.ly/33eyLlh>

Illini AD 'devastated'; The UI will not conduct practices until further notice and a moratorium has been placed on all recruiting, both on and off campus.
<http://bit.ly/2TXIfEI>

Elmhurst College moves all classes online
<http://bit.ly/2IHAvQG>

DePaul University Plans To Deliver Classes Remotely For Spring Quarter
<https://cbsloc.al/2WgIEUa>

DePaul students share concerns about switch to online learning
<http://bit.ly/2ILOjOV>

Northwestern University To Extend Spring Break, Move To E-Learning For Beginning Of Spring Term
<https://cbsloc.al/38SO6p>

Bradley University, Eureka College both extend spring breaks by 1 week
<http://bit.ly/39MULwt>

Online learning put to test with Illinois State, Illinois Wesleyan decisions; Heartland, Lincoln, Eureka colleges also close over virus
<http://bit.ly/2vVutJM>

Coronavirus: Young America Realty offers housing to displaced Illinois State University students
<http://bit.ly/2W8gavR>

Illinois Wesleyan University switching to 'distance learning'
<http://bit.ly/33cTL28>

Vaughn Student In Chicago With Fever And Cough Left In Limbo Untested
<http://bit.ly/2Q9INGf>

Coronavirus concerns lead Lincoln College, Eureka College to extend spring breaks
<http://bit.ly/33dEo9L>

Oak Park public schools close doors amid coronavirus fears
<http://bit.ly/39QnvECv>

Evanston Township High School, District 65 to close for a month due to coronavirus concerns
<http://bit.ly/2U3glpF>

Stevenson High School closes school building effective immediately, moves students and teachers to online classrooms through end of spring break
<http://bit.ly/2U1E0Hd>

South suburban schools cancel events, plan for e-learning in response to the coronavirus
<http://bit.ly/2QdMOsf>

New Trier High School, area elementary schools close buildings and move to online instruction in response to coronavirus
<http://bit.ly/3aQUt7H>

Lincolnshire's Stevenson High School closing until at least April 6 to prevent spread of COVID-19
<http://bit.ly/2WaPomQ>

Naperville Unit District 203 and Indian Prairie Unit District 204 cancel large gatherings, implement precautions; no domestic trips, school trips, field trips and outside speakers.
<http://bit.ly/2TNxiFV>

Public events canceled at several McHenry County school districts
<http://bit.ly/2wWlt24>

DeKalb School District won't close schools, will postpone large events until further notice
<http://bit.ly/33h98Xu>

Catholic Diocese of Peoria to close some schools, asks some to avoid services
<http://bit.ly/2TLb4nG>

SIUE to take one week off on-campus learning, suspends attendance to sporting events
<http://bit.ly/2Q9pvj9>

Lewis and Clark to follow SIUE's decisions amid coronavirus

<http://bit.ly/2TL5FNu>

Bradley University names Stephen Standifird as new president starting June 15

<http://bit.ly/39Oiyfq>

Batavia teen's writings detailed 'Day of Wrath' with 12 dead, 30 injured, 300 traumatized

<http://bit.ly/3aTmcEY>

Geneseo's STEP program helps students with disabilities

<http://bit.ly/2TVQksc>

The academics of pot: Oakton Community College finds success with first-in-the-nation program

<http://bit.ly/2IKwmf2>

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Markets Need to See the Government Panic; Investors are signaling they want politicians to do whatever it takes to stem the coronavirus, even if it damages the economy

<https://bloom.bg/2vQX82B>

Fed announces massive cash injection to relieve U.S. debt market

<https://politi.co/38GUIRm>

The Fed's \$1.5T intervention, explained; The central bank just went big to try to prevent a coronavirus-driven financial crisis

<http://bit.ly/3aRMVS6>

Fed may go into its crisis tool kit soon. What's in it?

<https://tinyurl.com/yx6nk9jg>

The opportunity in the crisis; How coronavirus stimulus is a chance to fix recessions going forward

<http://bit.ly/2U665gi>

Just How Bad Could a Coronavirus Recession Get?

<https://nyti.ms/2IFmrr2>

Time To Come Home And Embrace 'Need-Side' Economics; Among other things, coronavirus shows us that our financial security has been built on a global house of cards

<http://bit.ly/2W5mR1T>

If the coronavirus leads to another financial crisis, it might start in Italy

<https://wapo.st/38NMEhA>

Trump's travel ban draws European ire as crisis grows
<http://bit.ly/39QVLzy>

March Madness canceled over coronavirus as MLB, MLS and NHL suspend action
<https://tinyurl.com/u3lvj7f>

NASCAR races will go on as scheduled - without fans
<https://cbsn.ws/2wV5JBb>

Disneyland is closing amid Covid-19 fears; With more than half its theme park resorts closed, what comes next?
<http://bit.ly/2w5ssdM>

Coronavirus divides tech workers into the 'worthy' and 'unworthy' sick; Campuses have become 'ghost towns' as staffers depart - but many contractors still have to show up
<https://tinyurl.com/w6cxdq5>

It's fear, not coronavirus, that's roiling world markets and upending daily life
<https://lat.ms/33kpzSH>

Starbucks may make some stores drive-thru only to increase "social distancing" amid coronavirus
<https://cbsn.ws/2ILTPfC>

Welcome to the agrihood; In these suburban subdivisions, farming is just another amenity
<http://bit.ly/3cYiID4>

Woodlawn Residents, City Officials Call For Quick Action To Protect Affordable Housing Near Obama Center
<http://bit.ly/2TIYntl>

A Chinatown developer who wore a wire on former Ald. Daniel Solis and helped the FBI break open a sweeping political corruption probe has been charged with fraud related to a South Side condominium project
<http://bit.ly/3aOB87c>

Revised plan for former Chicago Spire site aims to break ground in 2021; The two-tower plan for 400 N. Lake Shore Drive ditches the hotel rooms, slashes parking, and gets a 225-foot haircut
<http://bit.ly/3aMuTAE>

Manufacturing group launches tournament to find coolest product made in Illinois
<http://bit.ly/2TKHoXZ>

Sale of InterContinental, Fairmont in question

<http://bit.ly/2W5GuXH>

Caterpillar posts worst machine sales since '16 in stress signal

<http://bit.ly/2TKVbh6>

NASCAR, cricket, darts among gamblers' choices as coronavirus crimps Illinois sports betting launch

<http://bit.ly/38LtAAS>

Online shopping at the food pantry? Woodridge facility renovations will allow for it

<http://bit.ly/38MJYky>

Chicago Officials Celebrate Mark Twain Affordable Housing

<http://bit.ly/2ILkQ2S>

The Will County Farm Bureau is asking Joliet to slow down plans for the Compass Business Park.

<http://bit.ly/2QfnL8m>

Coronavirus won't stop NorthPoint vote in Joliet

<http://bit.ly/2U6rKVX>

Decatur EDC president tapped to lead Springfield-Sangamon Growth Alliance

<http://bit.ly/2TLHWg2>

Channahon Village Board supports local nuclear power plants

<http://bit.ly/2Wao73C>

PUBLIC SAFETY

Vice President Pence said that there has been "irresponsible rhetoric" from people who have downplayed the seriousness of the U.S.

coronavirus outbreak

<https://nbcnews.to/38IjIaR>

Coronavirus can remain in air for 3 hours, live on plastic for days, new study says

<https://fxn.ws/2wWTKDd>

America shuts down; From the Capitol to California, officials are taking aggressive new measures to limit social interactions

<https://politi.co/2wTZRYy>

9 charts that explain the coronavirus pandemic; What symptoms are most common, which groups are most at risk, and more

<http://bit.ly/2wOHQeK>

Our hope of stopping the coronavirus in its tracks has ended. Our main goal now is to prevent a huge spike in cases, or "flatten the curve"

<http://bit.ly/2U4qWR5>

What the U.S. Needs to Do - Right Now - to Fight Coronavirus; A 30-day plan to contain the outbreak and treat the infected

<https://bit.ly/2TZQNK1>

While the number of coronavirus cases has surpassed 127,000, more than 68,000 people have recovered

<http://bit.ly/2IEICij>

Is a 1% Case Fatality Rate for COVID-19 Bad News or Good News? It depends on how widely the virus spreads, which is difficult to predict

<http://bit.ly/2Q9zTYv>

The Extraordinary Decisions Facing Italian Healthcare Providers; There are now simply too many patients for each one of them to receive adequate care

<http://bit.ly/38JzjqP>

Iran coronavirus: Satellite images show Tehran building vast burial trenches for covid-19 victims

<https://wapo.st/2IiwceR>

Photos of burial trenches show Iran's coronavirus crisis is worse than we thought

<http://bit.ly/2QcKvpl>

Italy and South Korea virus outbreaks reveal disparity in deaths and tactics; In Italy, millions are locked down and more than 800 people have died from the coronavirus. In South Korea, hit by the disease at about the same time, only a few thousand are quarantined and 67 people have died

<https://tinyurl.com/r3a4nfc>

The World Has a Plan to Fight the Virus. Most Nations Are Not Using It; The World Health Organization is supposed to coordinate the global response to epidemics. But the agency cannot force countries to play by international rules

<https://nyti.ms/3cQNptE>

How the World's Largest Virus Outbreaks Are Growing; The world's hardest-hit countries are trying a variety of measures to stop the spread of the virus. Here's how they're doing

<https://nyti.ms/2TZRkeZ>

We don't have enough ventilators and I.C.U. beds if there's a significant surge of new cases

<https://tinyurl.com/sptu545>

Finding Room in America's ICUs Is Already Complicated; The coronavirus is about to make our health care workers' choices infinitely more complicated

<http://bit.ly/2xABX51>

A 'New Normal' for Hospitals on the Front Lines Fighting Coronavirus; A look inside the suburban hospital in Kirkland, Washington, where 15 coronavirus patients have died

<https://nyti.ms/33iwVpJ>

Governor issues order allowing California to take over hotels for coronavirus patients

<https://lat.ms/2IEQ1Nt>

How to Understand Your State's Coronavirus Numbers; As the outbreak spreads, state websites are still some of the best sources of information on how many people have been tested

<http://bit.ly/2Qcbmlw>

Ohio health official estimates 100,000 people in state have coronavirus

<http://bit.ly/39Pjkca>

The Cleveland Clinic's new onsite coronavirus testing will deliver results within eight hours, instead of the two to seven days it currently takes for off-campus labs to process the tests

<http://bit.ly/33eAcX0>

'It is a failing. Let's admit it,' Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases says of coronavirus testing capacity

<https://nbcnews.to/38PsYKm>

Colorado's first drive-up COVID-19 testing facility opens

<http://bit.ly/39MK5h9>

New York governor announces new public drive-thru coronavirus testing facility

<http://bit.ly/39MHjbR>

How does the coronavirus test work? 5 questions answered

<http://bit.ly/2WaT2No>

Israeli Research Center to Announce It Developed Coronavirus Vaccine, Sources Say; But a long process of pre-clinical and clinical trials is to follow

<http://bit.ly/38J2jPd>

Researchers Rush to Test Coronavirus Vaccine in People; In a big break from protocol, scientists are not waiting to see how well it

works in animals first
<http://bit.ly/2U4a2SC>

How Coronavirus Hijacks Your Cells
<https://nyti.ms/2TLmat3>

How coronavirus is upsetting the blood supply chain; Our nation's blood supply is essential to our health care security
<http://bit.ly/3cSyb7q>

Kentucky's governor asked churches to cancel services. Some pastors feel singled out
<https://wapo.st/38MvW2i>

To Arrest the Spread of Coronavirus, Arrest Fewer People; Experts fear local jails could easily become incubators for the disease
<http://bit.ly/2Q5O14X>

Gun Store Owners Report Rise in Asians Buying Weapons Amid Coronavirus; Stores in Washington and California say local Asian communities are concerned for their safety
<http://bit.ly/39NuJZU>

'This is unacceptable': New York City mayor denounces coronavirus discrimination
<https://nbcnews.to/2TJ7WZE>

Are your kids being radicalized online?
<https://cbsn.ws/2TMycZG>

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With 32 cases of coronavirus in Illinois, including a child, Pritzker cancels all events of more than 1,000 people; The governor did not mandate the closure of schools, however.
<http://bit.ly/2TO6IS8>

Gov. Pritzker mandates large events cancelled, requests smaller events do same
<http://bit.ly/3cUU1Y2>

Advocate Aurora holds off billing patients for coronavirus; The hospital system is among the first chains in the country to say it's not charging patients for COVID-19 tests and treatment.
<http://bit.ly/2TL111W>

Advocate Good Shepherd in Barrington is among facilities nationwide testing patients from their cars to prevent the virus from spreading to others.
<http://bit.ly/2IFhoXA>

How Long Is The Coronavirus Test Wait? Depends Where You Live

<https://cbsloc.al/2IFPdb9>

Illinois public health agency website taken down by hackers
<http://bit.ly/2TXp1Om>

'Mass confusion:' Nurses union says health officials are unprepared for coronavirus
<http://bit.ly/3aPeJ9O>

Chicago Police Union Says Officers Aren't Being Sufficiently Protected From Coronavirus; some first responders are saying, "What about us?"
<https://cbsloc.al/39TNS6g>

Hospital workers demand paid sick leave for coronavirus; 'Frontline' staffers also call for clear protocols in dealing with COVID-19
<http://bit.ly/2w31bJ7>

Lincoln Park Zoo closed through April 10 to avoid spread of coronavirus
<http://bit.ly/38OHP7Y>

As part of coronavirus response, Winnetka cancels public meetings
<http://bit.ly/2TKYEw8>

Aurora cancels meetings, large community events
<http://bit.ly/2TP7GbI>

Villages, schools in central Lake County take precautionary steps amid coronavirus outbreak
<http://bit.ly/2ILiqBv>

Evanston Unitarian Church cancels services after congregation member tests positive for COVID-19
<http://bit.ly/2IMRn8E>

Answering your questions about Northwestern and Evanston's response to COVID-19
<http://bit.ly/3cViJYh>

6 tips for dealing with anxiety over the coronavirus
<http://bit.ly/2vhqgzy>

Experts warn COVID-19 phishing scams pose as CDC, schools
<https://abc7.ws/2QclWcm>

Palatine joins Lake Villa, cancels St. Patrick's parade
<http://bit.ly/2W9a5PV>

Schaumburg Township cancels group activities through March 31
<http://bit.ly/2U8Qq02>

Second COVID-19 cases confirmed in McHenry, Kane counties, officials say
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It is a capital mistake to theorize before one has data. Insensibly one begins to twist facts to suit theories, instead of theories to suit facts.

--Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

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Q: Is a female candidate for elective office allowed to run using her maiden name rather than the named she assumed upon marriage?

A: It depends on the facts. A guide to how courts will evaluate the circumstances is provided by the recent case, Oberholtzer v. Cook County Officers Electoral Board, et al. The court noted that the Election Code requires the candidate to use his or her given name and surname. In analyzing whether the candidate complied with that statute, the appellate court reviewed the evidence submitted at the Electoral Board hearing. First, the court found that the objector had submitted evidence that the candidate was commonly known by her married surname (Golden) rather than her maiden name (Jamieson) that she used on her nominating petitions. Second, the court found that the candidate was registered to practice law under her married name (Golden). Third, the court found that the candidate had affirmatively changed her name to Golden (her married name) with the Supreme Court, ARDC, Secretary of State, mortgage company and Cook County Clerk's office, among other agencies. Based on the evidence heard by the Electoral Board, the court determined that the candidate was required to use her married surname (Golden) on her nominating papers rather than her maiden name (Jamieson). As a result, the candidate's nominating papers were invalid and she was not eligible to be on the March 17th ballot.

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