



May 8, 2020

A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR MARK KOWNICK

On Tuesday, May 5th, the Governor announced, [Restore Illinois](#), a five-phase plan to safely reopen the state. The state is divided into four regions, each of which could enter different phases of reopening at different times. Based on this plan, our region is currently in phase two.

I have participated in multiple calls this week with other McHenry County Leaders of Government to discuss the Governor's plan. We are actively discussing creative ideas to assist our businesses while ensuring public health and safety. We are working together in the best interests of our county residents and businesses.

Please continue to support our Cary businesses by shopping local and utilizing the carry-out and delivery option when available. Visit the Village's website for a list of local restaurants and food service establishments. The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) has created the [COVID-19 Emergency Resources for Businesses](#). This document provides information about assistance opportunities for our local businesses.

Additionally, the Village Board of Trustees approved an extension of the Local State of Emergency Declaration until May 31, 2020. As a reminder to residents, this declaration gives us the capability to expedite processes, including procurement, labor relations, and potential state and federal funding opportunities for our community.

The Village encourages our residents to listen to our public health officials as we continue to practice safe social distancing. Under the current stay-at-home order, face coverings or masks are required in public places where social distancing cannot be maintained. The Village asks residents and businesses to continue to comply with this order. For recommendations for cloth face coverings, visit the CDC's website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html>.

As a reminder, the Village continues to provide information and resources on our website, as well as our Facebook page and our Cary News Weekly. Please continue to check the Centers for Disease Control's website at cdc.gov for additional information related to preventing the spread of COVID-19.

We are united,

Mark R. Kownick
Mayor