

**PROCLAMATION AND DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY
PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 46 OF THE CITY CODE
OF THE CITY OF DECATUR, ILLINOIS
PERTAINING TO A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY
CAUSED BY THE COVID-19 VIRUS**

WHEREAS, a new and significant outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 ("COVID-19"), a novel severe acute respiratory illness that can spread among people through respiratory transmissions, emerged in late 2019; and,

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the outbreak of COVID-19 to be a public health emergency and declared it a world wide pandemic on March 11, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary declared a public health emergency for United States; and,

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Illinois issued a Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation declaring all counties in the State of Illinois as a disaster area on March 9, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a National Emergency concerning the COVID-19 virus; and,

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, the Governor of the State of Illinois issued Executive Order 2020-10 entitled Executive Order in Response to COVID-19, and has issued many Executive Orders regarding the COVID-19 public health emergency since that date; and,

WHEREAS, the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, utilizing the Illinois Department of Health safety guidelines, issued Restaurant and Bar Establishment Safety Guidelines on June 22, 2020 as part of the Phase 4 of Restore Illinois Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the guidelines include face coverings for employees and patrons or visitors of Restaurants and Bars and social distancing as means to prevent exposure to and the spread of COVID-19 in an effort to reduce the transmission of the COVID-19 virus; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Decatur has bars, liquor licensees and restaurants that are not following the guidelines regarding face coverings and social distancing; and,

WHEREAS, Macon County which includes the City of Decatur, Illinois, has significantly increasing numbers of persons testing positive for COVID-19 in recent days; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary and appropriate for the City of Decatur, Illinois to take measures to protect the public's health in response to the COVID-19 virus; and,

WHEREAS, 20 ILCS 3305/10(j) of the Emergency Management Agency Act and 65 ILCS 5/8-10-5 of the Emergency Act and Chapter 46 of the City Code of the City of Decatur, Illinois provide certain emergency authority; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Decatur, Illinois is a Home Rule Unit under the 1970 State of Illinois Constitution.

NOW, THEREFORE, in accordance with Section 2 of Chapter 46 of the City Code of the City of Decatur, Illinois and the relevant provisions of the Illinois Compiled Statutes, it is hereby proclaimed and declared:

SECTION 1. That there is a public health emergency caused by the contagious COVID-19 virus.

SECTION 2. The public health emergency is related to the COVID-19 virus which is causing or anticipated to cause widespread impacts on the health of members of the community.

SECTION 3. That in issuing this Proclamation and Declaration of Emergency, I am relying upon each and every matter and governmental action recited in the preamble, which is hereby incorporated by reference.

SECTION 4. That restaurants, liquor licensees and bar establishments may allow operations only under the following conditions:

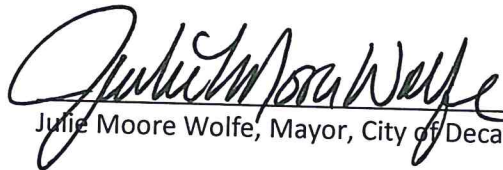
- A. A minimum of six feet between tables, bar seating or other designated patron service areas.
- B. No more than 10 persons in a party shall be permitted at a table.
- C. Standing area capacity may operate at maximum of 25% of standing area capacity.
- D. Employees shall wear face coverings over their nose and mouth while on premises within six feet of others.
- E. Patrons and visitors shall wear face coverings over their nose and mouth while on premises, including while waiting for a table, while standing in line to order, pick-up or checkout, while ordering and all other times, except while eating and drinking at table.
- F. Persons shall not be allowed to congregate on licensed premises in a number greater than allowed by guidelines set forth in Illinois Department of Public Health and the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity guidelines.
- G. All guidelines set forth by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for Restaurant and Bar Establishment Safety Guidelines not otherwise specifically set forth in this Proclamation and Declaration of Emergency shall be followed.

SECTION 5. Restaurants, liquor licensees and bar establishments are responsible for ensuring that the requirements of this Proclamation and Declaration of Emergency are followed by their employees, patrons and visitors.

SECTION 6. That in the event of a conflict with federal or state law, federal or state law shall take precedence.

SECTION 7. That this shall be filed with the City Clerk and copies of this Declaration provided to the news media and post a copy at the Civic Center.

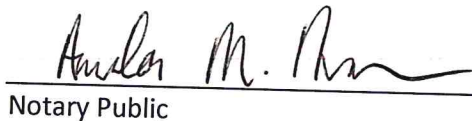
SECTION 8. That this Declaration is effective the 29th day of July, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.


Julie Moore Wolfe, Mayor, City of Decatur

I, Julie Moore Wolfe, Mayor of the City of Decatur being first duly sworn on oath states that I have read the foregoing Proclamation and Declaration of Emergency pursuant to Chapter 46 of the City Code of the City of Decatur, Illinois, pertaining to a public health emergency caused by the COVID-19 virus, has knowledge of the subject matter herein, and that on information and belief the matters set out therein are true in substance and in fact.


Julie Moore Wolfe, Mayor, City of Decatur

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to me before this 29th day of July, 2020.


Notary Public

