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Champaign County Sheriff, EMA and Champaign-Urbana Public Health District Provide Guidance to Report Executive Order Violations

Champaign, IL – The Champaign County Sheriff, Emergency Management Agency (CCEMA) and the Champaign-Urbana Public Health District (CUPHD) provide guidance to report executive order violations committed by Champaign County businesses. On March 20, 2020, JB Pritzker, Governor of Illinois, issued Executive Order 2020-10 in response to the COVID-19 outbreak. The Executive Order allows “essential businesses and operations” to remain open using Social Distancing Requirements. The Executive Order requires Non-Essential Businesses and Operations to cease all activities except Minimum Basic Operations. In Champaign County, businesses and organizations are encouraged to cooperate and voluntarily comply with the terms of the Order, in the interests of their employees, customers, and the community as a whole. If you suspect a business or organization is in violation of the Executive Order Champaign County has put in place the following process:

1. All calls to report a business or organization in violation of an Executive Order related to COVID-19 in Champaign County should be directed to the Champaign-Urbana Public Health District hotline at 217-239-7877. The public can also email their reports to coronavirus@c-uphd.org.
2. If CUPHD verifies the complaint as a violation, CUPHD will encourage the business or organization to voluntarily comply with the Executive Order. If the business or organization does not voluntarily comply, CUPHD will issue the organization a Cease and Desist Order, requiring them to become compliant with the Executive Order immediately.
3. CUPHD and local law enforcement will verify compliance. If the business or organization is still not in compliance, the violation will be referred to the State's Attorney's office for consideration of prosecution.

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“Champaign County is known for coming together to accomplish mutual goals, and the COVID-19 pandemic is no different. Even before the first positive COVID-19 test in our county, we were setting the framework for collaboration and coordination between multiple agencies and community organizations in Champaign County, including Champaign County, the City of Urbana, City of Champaign, University of Illinois, Village of Rantoul, C-U Public Health District, Carle Hospital, OSF Hospital, the school districts, MTD and United Way, just to name a few. We have activated the Emergency Operations Center so that the coordinated effort can continue and can be managed by those who can help mitigate the effects of the virus, including your elected and appointed community leaders. When this is all over we will look back and realize why we are proud to live in Champaign County and blessed to have community leaders who have the best interests of their communities at heart,” said Dustin Heuerman, Champaign County Sheriff.

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