



IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Chairman John D. McIntyre, McLean County Board
Camille Rodriguez, County Administrator
Jon Sandage, McLean County Sheriff
Bob Clark, Emergency Management Agency (EMA) Director

JOINT STATEMENT REGARDING
EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION BY MCLEAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Bloomington, Illinois—As news and information is shared regarding the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), McLean County Government is working to protect and promote the health of our employees and the public.

Actions taken today include formal initiation of McLean County's Emergency Operations Center (EOC), with intent to prepare for and respond to the conditions caused by COVID-19. Bob Clark, Director of McLean County's EMA, said the EOC will operate virtually, at this time, so that all key participants of EOC can provide needed emergency management functions while protecting the health of its participants. Sheriff Sandage and EMA Director Clark want EOC participants to follow social distancing recommendations, until further notice.

In addition, today Chairman of the McLean County Board John D. McIntyre signed an Emergency Proclamation of a Disaster in McLean County, Illinois. McIntyre's proclamation will assist the residents of McLean County, Illinois, and by and through the McLean County EMA, and through coordination of federal, state, county, and municipal resources and response activities. The Emergency Proclamation will remain in effect for seven days; the full McLean County Board will convene prior to its expiration to consider formal continuation.

Finally, McLean County Government continues to provide essential services to the community. Effective Monday, March 23, 2020, we will operate the "McLean County Customer Service Station" located on East Street between Washington and Front Streets. It is a walk-up service station, with parking available nearby. We strongly recommend citizens contact McLean County Government offices first, as many services can be completed remotely. A comprehensive list of contacts can be found at <https://www.mcleancountyil.gov/1393/COVID-19>.

We understand that this is an unprecedented action, and we feel this is the best way to practice social distancing and keep the public and our employees safe during these difficult times. We will continue to reassess this evolving situation daily.