

Chicago Travel Order, What Community Associations Need to Know

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The City of Chicago continues to update its emergency travel order ([available here](#)), which originally took effect on July 6, 2020 and requires that anyone entering the City of Chicago from "High Incident States" self-quarantine for 14 days after entering Illinois. Because the travel order continues to be updated, please view the [City of Chicago's Emergency Travel Order](#) for up-to-date information on impacted states and the travel requirements.

FAQs from the Commissioner of Health regarding the Order are [available here](#).

Below is a summary of what community associations in Chicago need to know about the Order:

What Are the Current "High Incident States"? An up-to-date list of High Incident States is [available here](#).

Are There Any Exemptions to the Order? Yes. The Order does not apply to (i) "*any individual passing through designated states for less than 24 hours in the course of travel*"

and (ii) essential workers traveling to and from Chicago for the "*primary purpose of carrying out primary work*" and "*who needs to be physically present . . . in order to carry out that primary work, with identification issued by their employer.*" Exempted essential workers nonetheless are directed to avoid non-essential interactions and take additional precautions for the duration of the quarantine period (though they are not required to quarantine).

What is "Quarantining"? Quarantining means "*staying at a single designated home or dwelling for 14 days before doing any activities outside of the home or dwelling*" and remaining at the premises "*unless seeking medical care for COVID-19*" in which case "*a face covering must be worn*".

What Are the Consequences for Violating the Order? In addition to increased risk of transmitting COVID-19, those who violate the Order risk fines of \$100 - \$500 per day, up to \$7,000.

How Can Community Associations Help Ensure the Order Is Followed? We recommend that Chicago community associations disseminate a copy of the Order to all owners and remind them that they are responsible for ensuring compliance with the Order. In the event of a confirmed violation of

the Order, we recommend against self-help/directly confronting the offending owner to avoid unnecessary escalation and/or potential COVID-19 exposure. Instead, the association's legal counsel should be contacted to determine appropriate next steps and available remedies for violations.

