

**DETERMINATION OF NEED FOR MEETINGS OF THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF  
HEALTH & COMMITTEES TO BE HELD BY AUDIO OR VIDEO CONFERENCE**

To: Lake County Board of Health Members

1. The Governor of the State of Illinois has issued a disaster declaration related to public health concerns because of a disaster as defined in Section 4 of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act and all of Lake County is covered by the disaster area. In light of such disaster declaration, and in accordance with 5 ILCS 120/7(e)(2), I hereby determine that:
  - a) In-person meetings of the Lake County Board of Health (the "Board") and all of the Board's committees, including special committees, ad hoc committees and subcommittees (the "Committees"), or meetings of the Board and its Committees conducted under the otherwise applicable provisions of the Open Meetings Act, are not practical or prudent at this time based on the increasing level of community transmission, and
  - b) For purposes of section 120/7(e)(4), in-person attendance by members of the public is permissible. Attendance is limited to the number of persons that are practicable in keeping with social distancing and mask requirements of the meeting location. Members of the public may also attend and participate in public meetings by alternative means via access instructions as provided in the meeting agendas.
2. Therefore, in accordance with 5 ILCS 120/7(e), during the pendency of the Governor's current declaration of disaster and this determination:
  - a) Meetings of the Board and all of its Committees, whether open or closed, will be conducted by audio or video conference pursuant to 7(e) of the Open Meetings Act.
  - b) For open meetings, any members of the public may be present at the physical meeting location and will be able to participate in public comment and hear all discussion, testimony, and votes of the members of the public body. Individuals who attend will be required to wear a face covering and practice social distancing. However, remote attendance is highly encouraged.
  - c) A physical quorum of the members of the Board and all of its Committees is not required at the physical meeting location; however, when a physical quorum is not required, at least one member of the Board or its Committees, the Board's legal counsel, or the Executive Director or a designee, shall be present at the physical meeting location.

Dated as of the 20<sup>th</sup> of August, 2021.



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Lake County Board of Health President