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## FISCAL UPDATE Article

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### COVID-19 — ILLINOIS — 3/24/20

**Illinois Updates.** The Illinois Legislature suspended session from March 11, 2020, through March 24, 2020 (later extended), due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Illinois confirmed its first case of the virus on January 24, 2020. On January 30, the spouse of the first person was confirmed as the second case and the first confirmed human-to-human case transfer in the United States. Governor J. B. Pritzker issued a disaster [proclamation](#) (State of Emergency) on March 9. An executive [order](#) limited operations of bars, restaurants, and other establishments from March 16 through March 30. Additional executive orders closed schools from March 17 through March 30 and limited gatherings. The first confirmed Illinois death from the outbreak occurred on March 17.

**Stay-at-Home Order.** Governor Pritzker issued a stay-at-home [order](#) starting on March 21, 2020, and lasting through April 7, 2020. The order limited gatherings to no more than 10 people and shuttered nonessential business operations.

**Employment Impact.** The Illinois Department of Employment Security reported 64,000 unemployment claims over the three-day period from March 16 to 18, an increase from 6,074 for the same period in the prior [year](#).

**Cases.** As of March 23, there are 1,285 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 12 deaths in Illinois.

**More Information.** The state of Illinois has created a website for information and updates at [www2.illinois.gov/sites/coronavirus/Pages/default.aspx](http://www2.illinois.gov/sites/coronavirus/Pages/default.aspx)

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