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MEMORANDUM

TO: LaSalle County Food Service Establishments
FROM: Jason Bland, Environmental Health Coordinator
DATE: August 22, 2020
RE: Pandemic or Epidemic Respiratory Disease – Emergency Provisions

Pursuant to the Department of Public Health Act, 20 ILCS 2305, the Department of Public Health Powers and Duties Law, 20 ILCS 2310, and the Communicable Disease Code, 77 Ill. Admin. Code 690, the Illinois Department of Public Health adopted emergency regulations, 77 Ill. Admin. Code 690.50, on August 7, 2020, to restrict and suppress COVID-19. These new laws specifically focus on enforcement of mask use and the prohibition of gatherings greater than 50 persons in number.

These requirements are no longer guidelines, they are now law. The law puts the responsibility for compliance on businesses, services, facilities, or organizations and not on any individual. Non-compliance eventually leads the business, service, facility, or organization to be subject to the penalties set forth in section 8.1 of the Department of Public Health Act.

Please be advised that this law requires that all local boards of health, health authorities and officers, police officers, sheriffs, and all other officers and employees of the State or any locality (this includes State's Attorney's Offices), including the Department and certified local health departments enforce it.

Please visit www.lasallecounty.org and click on the COVID-19 icon. The Emergency Amendment to Code 690 and the Public Health Act can be found in the "Guidance for Businesses Section."