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CITY OF SPRINGFIELD TO FOLLOW GOVERNOR'S EXTENDED EMERGENCY ORDER

Springfield, Illinois – Mayor Jim Langfelder announced today that the City of Springfield supports and will follow Governor JB Pritzker's Extended Emergency Order that begins May 1. This includes recognizing greenhouses, garden centers, and nurseries as essential businesses; allowing retail stores to open for curbside pick-up and delivery options; in addition to requiring face coverings in public when a 6 foot distance cannot be maintained.

“This is an unprecedented time as we face this health crisis together. The last 30 days have been challenging for all of us - individuals, families, businesses, and organizations. I am grateful to the Springfield community for their support and cooperation,” stated Mayor Jim Langfelder. “As a community, we need to strongly support our local businesses. We do not want to undo all the good we have done and accomplished over the last few weeks to flatten the coronavirus curve. We need to open businesses cautiously and not prematurely.”

Mayor Langfelder has asked the Governor's Office to reassess weekly the various regions across the State of Illinois and the number of COVID-19 cases per population. Doing so, could provide crucial data showing the cause and effect with each measure being enacted.

The Mayor will host a Facebook Live at 12-noon on Thursday, April 30 on the [Office of the Mayor-City of Springfield](#) Facebook page. Springfield Police Chief Kenny Winslow and Springfield Fire Chief Allen Reyne will join the Mayor to discuss the City of Springfield's next steps and moving forward during this pandemic and the extended order.

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