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Champaign, Urbana, and Champaign County Leaders Issue COVID-19 Statement

As local government leaders, our top priorities are the health, safety, and welfare of our residents, visitors, and employees. We know COVID-19 (coronavirus) will impact our community. While the full extent remains uncertain, we know that we must all take immediate steps to slow the spread of the virus today.

Our government agencies are also working to ensure that the delivery of essential public services continues. We are taking all necessary steps to make sure we continue to deliver critical police, fire, and emergency dispatch services and maintain public infrastructure. Our agencies have taken measures to appropriately equip our first responders to protect themselves and those they serve. We continue to work closely with the Champaign-Urbana Public Health District to make sure the public has accurate and up-to-date information.

Government leaders and public health officials across Champaign County remain in constant communication to ensure we are addressing this concern together. We call on all members of our community to join us in taking any and all measures possible to slow the spread of this virus.

Some actions you can take include:

- Follow public health guidelines regarding proper hygiene
- Stay home if you are ill
- Avoid large public gatherings.

We are also deciding which government-sponsored events and meetings will be postponed or canceled in order to reduce public exposure to the virus. For information about cancellations of city or county meetings please visit our respective websites: champaignil.gov, urbanaininois.us, or co.champaign.il.us.

For more detailed information, we encourage our community to consult reputable sources of information, including the [Champaign-Urbana Public Health District Facebook page](#) or the [Illinois Department of Public Health](#) or [Centers for Disease Control](#) websites.

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The situation is continuously changing and we ask for your patience as we work to slow the spread of this virus and provide essential services to the community. We will provide updates on our Facebook pages and websites.

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