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Champaign County, IL – Through collaboration with the Champaign County judiciary, the Champaign County Sheriff's Office has suspended all court-ordered evictions thru April, Sheriff Dustin Heuerman announced today.

Champaign County joins several other jurisdictions in the United States suffering from the impact of COVID-19 who have recently made this decision.

"Regardless of the impact the actual virus has on our county, there is already an economic impact effecting many residents," stated Sheriff Heuerman. "This is a rapidly evolving situation and we're not sure what the next month will bring."

This decision will help to reduce the interaction between deputies and someone who potentially has COVID-19, will delay the eviction of someone who might be suffering from COVID-19 instead of forcing them to look for other housing during this time, and will give a little flexibility to those who rely on income from the service industry in Champaign County that is likely to be drastically effected over the next month.

The Sheriff's Office is working closely with health and public safety stakeholders to quickly respond to the evolving nature of the pandemic and will implement additional precautions as necessary. The health and safety of our staff and the public continue to be the top priority of the Sheriff's Office.

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