

**RESOLUTION**  
**NO. 20-90**

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING EMERGENCY COVID-19 BUILDING  
SECURITY PROCEDURES**

**WHEREAS**, there are citizens in LaSalle County with COVID-19 symptoms; and

**WHEREAS**, there are citizens in LaSalle County that have tested positive for COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, LaSalle County government is an essential service and must maintain operations; and

**WHEREAS**, protecting the health and safety of citizens of LaSalle County is among the most important functions of county government; and

**WHEREAS**, the President of the United States proclaimed a COVID-19 national emergency on March 1, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker proclaimed that a disaster exists within the State of Illinois and declared all counties in Illinois a disaster area on March 9, 2020 and renewed said proclamations from time to time, most recently on July 24, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, Jim Olson, LaSalle County Board Chairman, previously proclaimed that a disaster emergency exists in the County of LaSalle due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, the LaSalle County Board, by Resolution 20-54, extended said emergency declaration and proclamation; and

**WHEREAS**, despite efforts to contain COVID-19, the World Health Organization and the Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention indicated that the virus was expected to continue spreading and it has, in fact, continued to spread rapidly resulting in the need for federal, state and local governments to take significant steps; and

**WHEREAS**, the CDC, in its revised Findings and Recommendations, based on research on asymptomatic and pre-symptomatic transmission, concludes and recommends wearing face coverings in public settings where social distancing measures are difficult to maintain; and

**WHEREAS**, LaSalle County adopted a Government Reopening Plan, third revision effective May 30, 2020, which mandated that facial coverings will be worn by all LaSalle County employees, department heads and citizens in common areas (hallways, courtrooms, mailrooms, breakrooms, etc.) and when social distance of six feet between individuals is not able to be maintained; and

**WHEREAS**, the aforesaid LaSalle County Government Reopening Plan provided that temperatures will be taken on all employees, contractors, vendors and individuals conducting business within any LaSalle County Government Complex buildings; and

**WHEREAS**, voluntary compliance with the CDC's recommendation of April 3, 2020 that individuals wear cloth face coverings in public settings in order to help slow the spread of COVID-19 has been unsatisfactory; and

**WHEREAS**, the nature of the current emergency is the further spread of COVID-19 disease in the County of LaSalle; and

**WHEREAS**, LaSalle County Government Complex buildings/offices need to put safety measures in place to ensure employee safety and ensure the safety of individuals conducting business with LaSalle County; and

**WHEREAS**, 55 ILCS 5/5-1106 makes it the duty of the county board in each county to provide for and keep in repair a suitable courthouse, jail and other necessary county buildings; and

**WHEREAS**, 55 ILCS 5/5-1005 provides that each county shall have the power to do all other acts in relation to its property necessary to the exercise of its corporate powers; and

**WHEREAS**, 20 ILCS 3305/10 empowers each political subdivision of the State, including counties, to incur obligations to place it in a position effectively to combat disasters and to protect the health and safety of persons, and to exercise its vested powers in light of the exigencies of the disaster without regard to the procedures and formalities normally prescribed by law.

**WHEREAS**, 55 ILCS 5/3-6017 provides that the Sheriff shall have the custody and care of the courthouse and jail; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the County Board of LaSalle County, Illinois, as follows:

1. The preambles hereto are hereby made a part of and operative provision of this Resolution as fully as if completely repeated at length herein.
2. The official policy of the County of LaSalle is to direct all persons wishing to enter or remain in any county building to wear face covering to include their nose and mouth made of any cloth or other material which is reasonably designed and made to inhibit, filter, or restrict the breath, sneeze, cough, or other exhaling from one's nose and mouth, including but not limited to a non-medical grade mask, cloth or plastic mask, scarf, bandana, or handkerchief. This declaration shall not apply to persons who are alone and working in a separate single space.
3. All persons wishing to enter any county building shall submit to non-invasive temperature scans. Admission to the building shall be refused to any person whose body temperature is not within acceptable temperature guidelines as set forth in the County's current revision of its Reopening Plan, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

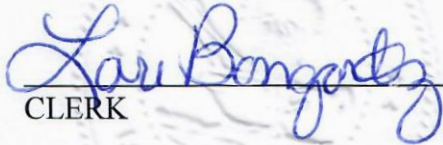
4. All persons in any county building shall, to the degree practical, be required to maintain a six foot social distancing requirement.

5. The Sheriff shall refuse admission or continued presence to any individual who fails to wear a face covering reasonably designed and made to inhibit, filter, or restrict the passing of a person's breath, sneeze, cough, or other exhaling from one's nose and mouth.

6. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its adoption.

**PASSED THIS 3rd DAY OF AUGUST, 2020 AT OTTAWA, ILLINOIS.**

ATTEST:

  
CLERK

  
COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN