



# ILLINOIS GAMING BOARD

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## Press Release

For Immediate Release  
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### **Gaming Board announces extension of suspension of all licensed video gaming and casino gambling operations due to novel COVID-19 pandemic.**

**CHICAGO** – To prevent the further spread of the unprecedented COVID-19 virus and protect public health and safety, the Illinois Gaming Board has extended the suspension of all Illinois video gaming operations at all licensed establishments of any kind and all casino gambling operations until further notice. The health and safety of patrons, gaming industry employees, Gaming Board staff, and all others in Illinois is the Gaming Board’s top priority at this time.

The Gaming Board is monitoring developments regarding COVID-19 and will continue to make decisions based on science, public health guidance, and applicable law and rules. The Gaming Board will also continue to update licensees and other stakeholders as new information becomes available.



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As Administrator of the Illinois Gaming Board, and to prevent the further spread of the novel COVID-19 virus and protect public health and safety, I am hereby extending the continued suspension of all video gaming operations of any kind in Illinois that fall within the jurisdiction of the Gaming Board under the Video Gaming Act, and of all casino gambling operations that fall within the jurisdiction of the Gaming Board under the Illinois Gambling Act. All video gaming operations at all licensed video gaming establishments of any kind and all licensed casino gambling operations in Illinois are suspended until further notice. The Gaming Board will continue to review current public health guidance and conditions to determine when and under what conditions statewide video gaming and casino gambling can safely resume.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Marcus Fruchter".

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Marcus D. Fruchter  
Administrator