

Official Statement of Savanna Mayor Chris Lain  
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In response to the COVID-19 outbreak, Governor Pritzker's issued an Executive Order requiring residents to shelter-at-home until May 30, 2020. That order while placing significant restrictions on all of us has not been rescinded. Since the outbreak, Carroll County has had 10 confirmed cases of the virus and 2 confirmed deaths. To stop the spread we are all being asked to stay at home and when in public to maintain social distancing, wear protective masks and to regularly disinfect.

As Mayor of Savanna, my first priority is protecting the safety, health and wellbeing of Savanna. Also of utmost importance to me is the creation and maintenance of a favorable business climate here that enables residents to work, play and prosper.

Many of you have heard rumor of businesses in town that are opening for business in violation of the Governor's order. While I sympathize with these business owners, I am asking all of you to honor the Governor's order. There is substantial evidence to believe that in short order the Governor will be modifying his prior order and in doing so loosening the restrictions currently in place. It is believed that the modified order may allow non-essential businesses to re-open with restrictions.

In the meantime, I am asking you to be safe, be patient and be respectful of others. The City of Savanna does not have the staff, authority or the inclination to investigate claims that businesses have opened in violation of the Governor's order.

Together we will get through this and live to see Savanna grow and prosper.