



**MEDIA ALERT
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

Moline, IL – The Mayors of Moline, East Moline, Rock Island, Silvis, and Milan have issued curfew orders starting this evening at 9:00 p.m. until 5 a.m. Working together the Mayors have agreed to curtail movement in the neighboring communities due to the increase in the number and seriousness of crimes committed against persons and property in and around the Quad Cities. This has created a menace to the preservation of public peace safety health, morals and welfare, according to the orders being issued.

The recent death of George Floyd in Minneapolis has resulted in protests throughout the country. While the Mayors appreciate and support peaceful protests, some, under the guise of civil protest, have committed violence against persons as well as damaged property throughout the Quad Cities.

Mayor Stephanie Acri of Moline said, “Having a voice and speaking out against injustice is a well embraced constitutional right, however doing so in a violent way by damaging, vandalizing and destroying property is not. Therefore, I and the Mayors of our neighboring communities are issuing this curfew until some sense of safety and order can be restored”.

The curfew is effective starting at 9 p.m. until 5 a.m. the following day. It is effective today, Monday, June 1, 2020, and each night thereafter and will continue each night until the Order is rescinded.

Under the Order, all persons must be indoors during the Curfew Hours with the exception of City and government officials, City and government employees (e.g., police, fire, public works), military personnel, and medical personnel, or credentialed members of the news media. Travel to and from work during the Curfew Hours is permitted. All persons not indoors during the Curfew Hours should be prepared to show valid identification.

In addition, Metro announced that “in an abundance of caution for our workforce and our riders, Metro has made the decision to suspend public transit service by 7 p.m. tonight. Service will resume as scheduled tomorrow morning, and we will continue to monitor and respond to the situation in the Quad Cities as it unfolds”. Additional information can be found on their Facebook page @Metro IL Quad Cities where they will provide up to the minute service alerts.

“This is especially difficult time as we were just coming out of the Covid-19 crises and reopening some restaurant and business activity. We believe this proactive approach to this newest challenge will provide the most safety for our community. We hope to rescind this order as soon as possible”, according to Mayor Thoms.

In Illinois, the municipalities must issue individual civil orders and Rock Island County is in support of this action. Other communities within the County may be issuing curfews and are working through that process.

A “Frequently Asked Questions” document is attached to this release. Any further questions can be directed the office of the Administrator at the City of Moline by calling 309-524-2005.

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The FAQ below will answer questions related to this Emergency Executive Order.

Frequently Asked Questions

Does the curfew apply throughout the entire City of Moline?

Yes. The curfew applies to the entire city limits.

When does the curfew apply?

The curfew order is effective between the hours of from 9:00 p.m. until 5:00 a.m. the next day. During the curfew hours, residents should refrain from traveling in and through Moline.

How will the curfew be enforced?

The Mayor and Police and Fire Chiefs ask all residents and visitors to voluntarily abide by the curfew. The City does not intend to enforce the curfew, except for violations that result in public health and safety threats including fires, extensive property damage, and violence.

What should I do during the curfew?

You should remain indoors and adhere to the curfew to help protect the safety of our community. You should not travel on any public streets, alley, or roadways or to any public place except for work. You may be outside in your yard if it is safe. The curfew is necessary to prevent fires, widespread property damage, and violence in the City, and is being imposed in order to protect Moline residents.

I'm scheduled to work during the curfew. Can I still travel to today go to work? Can my employees still report to work during the curfew?

Yes, people are allowed to travel to and from work during the curfew.

I use public transportation, or a ride-hailing app, for transportation. Am I allowed to use those during the curfew?

Yes, you can use public transportation like Metrolink, or a ride-hailing app like Lyft or Uber, to travel during the curfew hours, except no person is allowed in public places when the curfew is in effect. These methods of transportation will continue to operate unless circumstances require them to be closed or to change their routing to protect public health and safety. The best way to stay in the know about any changes is to sign up for alerts from the City of Moline.

Are businesses required to close during the curfew?

Yes, the curfew does require businesses to close and prohibits them from having customers during curfew hours. However, medical businesses and facilities will not be required to close. Due to safety concerns and risks business owners are strongly encouraged to secure their place of business and stay in a safe place.

What if I need to go to the hospital or urgent care clinic during the curfew?

You are allowed to seek emergency and urgent medical care during the curfew.

I am experiencing homelessness and don't have a place to go inside. How does the curfew apply to me?

People experiencing homelessness are not impacted by the curfew. However, the City does ask those living unsheltered to help protect the safety of the community by voluntarily restricting their travel in public places during the curfew.

Are there other exemptions from the curfew?

The curfew does not apply to law enforcement, firefighters, military personnel, emergency personnel, medical personnel, City and government officials with valid identification, or members of the news media authorized in advance by the Office of the Mayor or the Chief of Police.

What if I want to patrol or protect my neighborhood and local businesses?

During this time of rioting, violence, and widespread property destruction, please stay home and abide by the curfew. Connect with your neighbors via call or text. If you are checking on your business or working at a business, please be aware of your surroundings at all times and call 9-1-1 if you fear for your safety.

CITY OF MOLINE
MAYOR EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-06-01

Issue Date: May June 1, 2020

AN EXECUTIVE ORDER ADDRESSING THE CIVIL EMERGENCY
IN THE CITY OF MOLINE

FINDINGS:

1. As a consequence of the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic combined with other social justice issues, there has been an increase in mass demonstrations, most of which have been peaceful.
2. Under the guise of civil protest, some have committed violence against persons and damaged property; and
3. An emergency has been created by an increase in the number and seriousness of crimes committed against persons and property in and around the City of Moline and this has created a menace to the preservation of public peace safety health, morals and welfare; and
4. The increase in property damage and crime has been caused in part by the large number of people who are permitted to remain in public places; and
5. As a result of this emergency, it is essential to temporarily curtail the number of people who are able to be out in the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

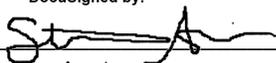
Section 1: Curfew. Effective at 9 p.m. today, Monday, June 1, 2020, I am hereby declaring a civil emergency and imposing a Curfew for all persons each night beginning at 9 p.m. that shall last until 5 a.m. the following day (“Curfew Hours”). This Curfew shall continue each night until this Order is rescinded.

Under this Order, all persons must be indoors during the Curfew Hours with the exception of City and government officials, City and government employees (e.g., police, fire, public works), military personnel, and medical personnel, or credentialed members of the news media. Travel to and from work during the Curfew Hours is permitted. All persons not indoors during the Curfew Hours should be prepared to show valid identification.

Section 2. Violations of this Order shall be subject to the fines, penalties and provisions set forth under the Municipal Code and all applicable penalties provided for by law.

Section 3. Savings Clause. If any provision of this Executive Order or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction this invalidity does not affect any other provision or application of this Executive Order which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application. All provisions of this order are deemed severable.

The Executive Order becomes effective upon signing and will be filed with the City Clerk as soon as practicable.

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Stephanie Auer
Mayor
City of Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois