



ILLINOIS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

JB Pritzker
Governor

Alicia Tate-Nadeau
Director

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Subject: Pandemic/Epidemic Alternate Housing Annex

Dear Accredited Jurisdiction Emergency Manager,

Pursuant to Section 10(g) of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, 20 ILCS 3305/, each ESDA shall prepare an emergency operations plan (EOP) for its geographic boundaries that complies with planning, review, and approval standards promulgated by IEMA. Requirements for EOPs are provided in 29 Ill. Adm. Code 301 and, pursuant to Section 301.240(d), IEMA may require the ESDA to include additional annexes in the EOP if IEMA determines that those annexes are necessary preparation for protection of the public peace, health and safety in the event of a disaster. Pursuant to 29 Ill. Adm. Code 301.240(d), IEMA has determined that a Pandemic/Epidemic Alternate Housing Annex is necessary preparation for protection of the public peace, health and safety due to the ongoing nature of the COVID-19 pandemic and the possibility of the spread of other infectious diseases.

Therefore, the Pandemic/Epidemic Alternate Housing Annex is considered a requirement for an EOP under 29 Ill. Adm. Code 301 as of the date of this letter. All ESDAs shall incorporate a Pandemic/Epidemic Alternate Housing Annex into their current EOP by the date of the jurisdiction's next EOP review date. The annex shall comply with the requirements for annexes provided in 29 Ill. Adm. Code 301.240(b) and (c) and IEMA guidance. In addition, the annex shall comply with the Control of Communicable Diseases Code (77 Ill. Adm. Code 690) and other rules of IDPH, as well as be consistent with guidance issued by the CDC.

IEMA has considered many possible avenues to address the need for mass care in response to a pandemic/epidemic incident including a full annex specifically addressing all aspects of this important issue; however, IEMA has determined that, at this point in time, a narrower approach will meet the needs and provide adequate preparation for the protection of the public peace, health and safety of Illinois citizens. For questions regarding this determination, please contact Eric Hodges, Chief, Bureau of Operations, at 217-558-5127 or Eric.Hodges@illinois.gov.

Sincerely,

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