



# ILLINOIS GAMING BOARD

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## Press Release

For Immediate Release  
March 16, 2020

### **Gaming Board announces suspension of all licensed video gaming operations.**

**CHICAGO** – The Illinois Gaming Board (“IGB”) has ordered the suspension of all video gaming operations at all licensed video gaming establishments of any kind in Illinois effective at 9:00pm on Monday March 16, 2020 through March 30, 2020. The public health of patrons, video gaming industry employees, Gaming Board staff, and all others is of paramount importance. The Board is continuously monitoring developments in connection with the COVID-19 public health crisis and will update licensees as warranted.



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As Administrator of the Illinois Gaming Board, I am hereby ordering the cessation of all video gaming operations in Illinois that fall within the jurisdiction of the Gaming Board, as provided under the Video Gaming Act (the "VGA") [230 ILCS 40]. Pursuant to the authority provided in VGA sections 78(a)(3) and 80, all video gaming operations at all licensed video gaming establishments of any kind in Illinois are suspended through March 30, 2020 beginning no later than 9:00pm on Monday, March 16, 2020. Before the end of this period, I will review the public health situation in connection with the COVID-19 virus to decide whether an extension of the suspension period is warranted.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Dated: March 16, 2020

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Marcus D. Fruchter", written over a horizontal line.

Marcus D. Fruchter  
Administrator