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Cook County

Several municipalities have recently taken steps to opt out of legislation passed by the Cook County Board of Commissioners to increase the minimum wage to \$13 per hour by 2020 and require employers to provide employees with one hour of sick time for every 40 hours worked, effective July 1. Both the Elgin and Northlake city councils and the village boards in Lincolnwood, Morton Grove, Orland Park and Glenview approved ordinances exempting their municipalities from the legislation. As a result, local employers must adhere to state and federal laws governing minimum wage and sick time.

Likewise, in a unanimous vote, the Park Ridge City Council gave preliminary approval to opt out of the county legislation. Final confirmation is expected at the city council's June 19 meeting.

In related news, although the Des Plaines City Council last week voted to adhere to the county's legislation, the City Council will revisit the decision and vote again on opting out of the minimum wage and paid sick leave requirements on Monday.

Cook County municipalities that have opted out of the paid sick leave requirements so far include: Alsip, Arlington Heights, Barrington, Bartlett, Bedford Park, Bellwood, Berkeley, Bridgeview, Buffalo Grove, Burbank, Burr Ridge, Chicago Heights, Crestwood, East Hazel Crest, Elgin, Elk Grove Village, Elmwood Park, Evergreen Park, Glenview, Hanover Park, Harwood Heights, Hickory Hills, Hillside, Hodgkins, Hoffman Estates, Homewood, Justice, Lincolnwood, Lynwood, Maywood, Melrose Park, Morton Grove, Mount Prospect, Niles, Norridge, Northbrook, Northlake, Oak Forest, Oak Lawn, Orland Hills, Orland Park, Palatine, Palos Heights, Palos Park, River Forest, River Grove, Riverside, Rolling Meadows, Rosemont, Schaumburg, South Barrington, Streamwood, Summit, Tinley Park, Western Springs, and Wheeling.

Aside from unincorporated areas of Cook County and Chicago—which has its own minimum wage and paid sick leave ordinances—municipalities that will abide by the paid sick leave legislation include: Calumet City, Countryside, Evanston, and La Grange.

Kane County

On behalf of the Kane County Health Department (KCHD), the Kane County Board accepted a \$225,000 [grant](#) from the Illinois Dept. of Human Services for opioid substance use disorder services. The grant will support the purchase of the opioid overdose reversal drug naloxone, inter-agency collaboration, and training for county law enforcement, health workers and school personnel. The grant will also fund a substance abuse specialist position within the KCHD.

McHenry County

On Sept. 15, the McHenry County Mental Health Board and the McHenry County Suicide Prevention Task Force will host the [Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Wellness & Recovery Conference](#) at McHenry County College. This year's conference, themed *Uniting Our Voices, Strength and Recovery*, will cost \$10 for the general public and \$20 for professionals. Registration opens Aug. 1.

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