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**ATTORNEY GENERAL KWAME RAOUL ANNOUNCES THAT THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
WILL REMAIN OPEN WITH REDUCED STAFF**

Chicago — In response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) public health pandemic, Attorney General Kwame Raoul issued the following statement announcing that the Attorney General's offices throughout Illinois will remain open with reduced staffing levels.

"The employees of the Attorney General's office work tirelessly to safeguard the rights of Illinois residents throughout our state – by advocating for consumers, helping victims and survivors of crime access critical services, protecting children from predators, enforcing environmental laws, defending civil rights, and ensuring openness and transparency in government.

"While our service to the people of Illinois is my top priority, it must be balanced with the health and wellness of our dedicated employees and our responsibility to doing our part to prevent the further spread of coronavirus.

"For that reason, effective Monday, March 16, 2020, the Office of the Attorney General will continue to serve the residents of Illinois at a reduced capacity. I am authorizing many of our employees at our main offices in Chicago, Springfield and Carbondale, as well as at our six regional offices, to work from home with pay, to the extent they can. This means attorneys will continue to represent the people of Illinois in court, and essential functions such as monitoring next week's primary election will continue.

"As this public health crisis continues to evolve, so too will my office's response. We will be evaluating our staffing each week in light of the coronavirus concerns. I remain absolutely committed to the work my office does to protect Illinois residents, just as I am committed to protecting the health and wellness of the men and women in my office who make that work possible."

In light of the COVID-19 public health concerns, Attorney General Raoul encourages people to visit his office's website for assistance at www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov.