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Health Department Issues COVID-19 Mitigation Citations to Hotel Responsible for Large Wedding

FOREST PARK, IL – Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH) issued notices to the Hilton Chicago/ Northbrook Hotel and onsite Allgauer’s on the Riverfront restaurant, following a recent large gathering and inspection of the facilities.

The notices issued under separate authority, include:

- A Facility Order to Disperse, for Non-Compliance with 2020-01 Cook County Department of Public Health COVID-19 Mitigation Order, based on observed violations made Thursday, December 3, 2020 by CCDPH during the course of an inspection, as well as based on observed violations identified in the media video captured the evening of Wednesday, December 2, 2020; and
- A Facility Notice of Non-Compliance, for Non-Compliance with COVID-19 Regulations from the Illinois Department of Public Health (77 Ill. Admin. Code 690.50), based on observed violations made Thursday, December 3, 2020 by CCDPH during the course of an inspection, as well as based on observed violations identified in the media video captured the evening of Wednesday, December 2, 2020.

“The hotel, restaurant, bride, groom, caterer and guests were all reckless and irresponsible. This event was in violation of the current COVID-19 Mitigation order and should not have taken place,” said Rachel Rubin, MD, MPH, FACP, Senior Public Health Medical Officer and Co-Lead, Cook County Department of Public Health. “I sincerely hope no one becomes sick or dies as a result of this event. All who were in attendance should quarantine for a minimum of 10 days and get tested to keep from spreading COVID to the greater community.”

The notices serve as a warning to the establishments while CCDPH’s attorneys review evidence and case notes to determine next steps. If cited pursuant to Cook County Municipal Code Sec. 38-38, the hotel and restaurant would need to appear in court, and if found guilty, penalties could include: arrest, a fine of \$1,000 per offense, and further actions. CCDPH will closely monitor the Hilton Chicago/Northbrook hotel and onsite Allgauer’s on the Riverfront restaurant. Additional reports of non-compliance could result in further actions being taken.

Visit the CCDPH website to learn more about the [Cook County Department of Public Health COVID-19 Mitigation Guidance](#). Questions may also be directed to the CCDPH COVID-19 hotline at 708-836-4755 (Monday thru Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) or ccdph.covid@cookcountyhhs.org.

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