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Gambling Alert - April 8, 2021



Voters in Bolingbrook, Edwardsville, Norridge reject Video Gambling

"Shall the Village of **Bolingbrook** allow video gaming to operate within the Village of Bolingbrook?" Yes: 4,551 No: **5,612**

"Shall the City of **Edwardsville** allow video gambling in bars (Class B and C liquor licensees with over 50% of revenue from on premises alcoholic liquor consumption) in the City?"

Yes: 782 **NO: 1,237**

"Shall the Village **limit the number of video gaming establishments** permitted within the Village of **Norridge**?" Yes: **2,017** NO: 843

Mobile Sports Betting Registration Ends

More than 95% of the dollars bet on sports in Illinois have been wagered online.

The governor did not extend his order that allowed online registration for sports betting. That means it's back to in-person registration.

. . .State Rep. Mike Zalewski, D-Riverside, who spearheaded the 2019 sports betting legislation, suggested lawmakers could take another look at the controversial provision. [Read](#)

Major Operators Line Up To Bid For New Chicago Casino

This month, city officials plan to request proposals from companies interested in building the casino. The new Chicago casino probably won't open until 2025, by which time the in-person registration window will be long since expired. However, Mayor Lori Lightfoot hopes to expedite that timeframe by allowing a temporary location. The chosen operator could have a **temporary casino erected for up to 36 months**, Bloomberg reports. [Read](#)

IL Lottery adds two drawings, doubles price

Starting April 1, the price to play the Illinois Lottery's Lotto game has doubled to \$2 for

every six-number lottery line picked by players. [Read](#)

Chicago police officer pleads guilty in sports gambling case

Nicholas Stella, 43, pleaded guilty to a count of conspiracy to conduct an illegal gambling business, a charge punishable by five years in prison, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office.

Stella said in a plea agreement that from 2016 to 2019 he conspired with bookmaker Vincent Delgiudice, also known as "Uncle Mick," to accept wagers on sport betting, prosecutors said. [Read](#)

For Immediate Action

- Congratulate Mayor/City Council members who won the election in your community and let them know your position on video gambling.
- The **House** and **Senate** will both be back in session next week. Contact your Legislators and ask them to oppose the legalization of online gambling, selling scratch-off tickets online, and other expansion.
- Share this Alert with your faith community and ask them to PRAY.
- Forward to 10 others.

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