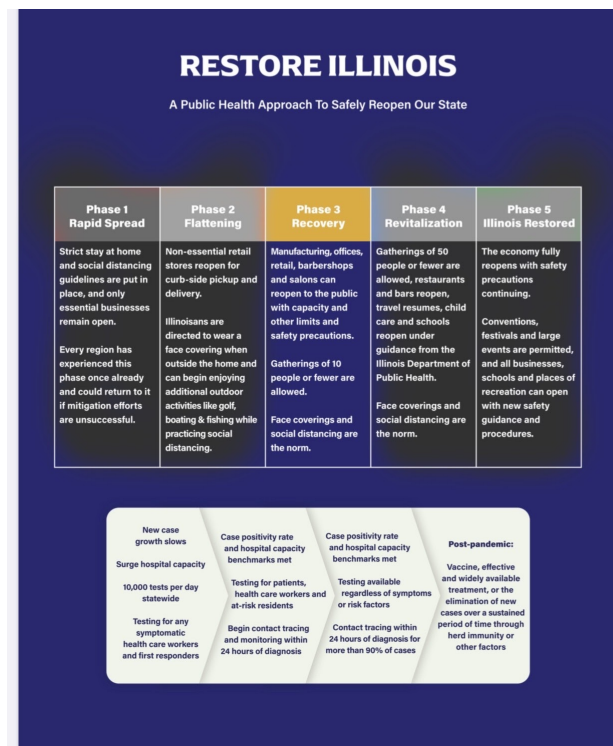


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Restore Illinois: Phase Three - Recovery



A big big thank you!

I want to thank you all for engaging with our newsletters during this time. This week's newsletter focuses on Phase Three of the Restore Illinois plan put forth by Governor J.B. Pritzker. Please continue to share our newsletters with anyone who may need it and continue to reach out to my office for support. You can reach my office by filling out our [constituent contact form](#), calling us at 630-326-9319 (English); 630-326-9419 (Spanish), or emailing us at StateRepKarinaVilla@gmail.com.

According to the data, all regions of Illinois are scheduled to obtain Phase 3 in the coming days. As we move forward to the *Recovery* Phase of Restore Illinois, it is important to remember that the stay at home order is still in effect until **May 29th**. It is also crucial that we note the effectiveness of social distancing, staying at home, and other mitigation measures have been to date, but that we are at risk of a rapid increase in cases if all of these mitigation measures are lifted at once. That's why I encourage all of you to continue social distancing, staying at home as much as possible, and following expert recommendations as more activities are permitted. Here is what you can expect during Phase Three of [Restore Illinois](#).

What is Phase 3 – Recovery? In Phase 3, the rate of infection among those tested, the number of patients admitted to the hospital, and the number of patients needing ICU beds is stable or declining.

What will be open?

Gatherings: All gatherings of 10 people or fewer are allowed with this limit subject to change based on the latest data & guidance.

Travel: Travel should follow IDPH and CDC approved guidance.

Health Care: All health care providers are open with DPH approved safety guidance.

Education and Child Care: Remote learning in P-12 schools and higher education. Limited child care and summer programs will open with IDPH approved safety guidance.

Outdoor Recreation: State parks will open. Activities in groups of 10 or fewer with social distancing will be permitted.

Businesses

Manufacturing: Non-essential manufacturing that can safely operate with social distancing can reopen with IDPH approved safety guidance

“Non-essential” businesses: Employees of “non-essential” businesses are allowed to return to work with IDPH approved safety guidance depending upon risk level, tele-work strongly encouraged wherever possible. Employers are encouraged to provide accommodations for COVID-19-vulnerable employees.

Bars and restaurants: Open for delivery, pickup, drive through as well as outdoor seating.

Personal care services and health clubs: Barbershops and salons open with IDPH approved safety guidance; Health and fitness clubs can provide outdoor classes and one-on-one personal training with IDPH approved safety guidance

Retail: Open with capacity limits and IDPH approved safety guidance, including face coverings

We all want to do what is best for our community and the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) has established specific [guidelines](#) and toolkits designed to assist businesses and employers in making safe transitions with signage, training checklists, and other resources to ensure business and activities are conducted in accordance with the latest and greatest public health recommendations.

What Could Cause Us to Return to Phase 2?

IDPH will closely monitor data and receive on-the-ground feedback from local health departments and regional healthcare councils and will recommend moving back to the previous phase based on the following factors:

- Sustained rise in positivity rate
- Sustained increase in hospital admissions for COVID-19 like illness
- Reduction in hospital capacity threatening surge capabilities
- Significant outbreak in the region that threatens the health of the region

How do we get to Phase 4?

Again, using the data, a determination of moving from Phase 3 to Phase 4 will be driven by the COVID-19 positivity rate in each region and measures of maintaining regional hospital surge capacity. This data will be tracked from the time a region enters Phase 3, onwards.

- At or under a 20 percent positivity rate and increasing no more than 10 percentage points over a 14-day period, AND
- No overall increase (i.e. stability or decrease) in hospital admissions for COVID-19-like illness for 28 days, AND
- Available surge capacity of at least 14 percent of ICU beds, medical and surgical beds, and ventilators

Testing: Testing available in region regardless of symptoms or risk factors

Tracing: Begin contact tracing and monitoring within 24 hours of diagnosis for more than 90% of cases in region

Our Restore Illinois plan, which focuses on saving lives, reinvigorating our economy while safely reopening Illinois, is guided by science and data to ensure that our communities continue making progress in bending the curve of COVID-19. All guidelines for phases are informed by public health data, a review of other states, and CDC guidelines.