

Tier 1 Resurgence Mitigations

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Tier 1 mitigations may be applied to regions that are experiencing a sustained resurgence of COVID-19 or regions that have been under more stringent mitigations but have not yet achieved metrics that allow for a resumption of Phase 4 Restore Illinois activities. If a region again experiences a sustained resurgence of COVID-19 with Tier 1 mitigations in place, a return to stricter measures may be necessary to curtail further spread. **Tier 1 mitigations include the following:**

| SETTING | MITIGATION REQUIREMENTS |
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| <p>Bars and restaurants</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All bars and restaurants close at 11pm and may reopen no earlier than 6am the following day • Indoor service limited to the lesser of 25 guests or 25% capacity per room • Establishments offering indoor service must serve food • Indoor service reservations limited to 2-hour maximum duration and maximum 4 persons per party (dining only with members of the same household recommended) • All bar and restaurant patrons should be seated at tables • No ordering, seating, or congregating at bar (bar stools should be removed) • Tables should be 6 feet apart • No standing or congregating indoors or outdoors while waiting for a table or exiting • No dancing or standing indoors • Reservations required for each party • No seating of multiple parties at one table • Includes private clubs and country clubs |
| <p>Meetings, social events and gatherings (including weddings, funerals, potlucks, etc.)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limit to lesser of 25 guests or 25% of overall room capacity both indoors and outdoors • Applicable to professional, cultural and social group gatherings. • Not applicable to students participating in-person classroom learning, or sports. • This does not reduce the overall facility capacity dictated by general Phase 4 business guidance such as office, personal care, retail, etc. • No party buses |
| <p>Organized group recreational activities (fitness centers, sports, etc.)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports should follow the mitigation measures set forth in the All Sport Guidelines, which outlines appropriate levels of practice and competition based on individual sport risk • Face coverings must be worn at all times in fitness centers, including while engaged in individual exercise regardless of person or machine spacing • Recreation, fitness centers and outdoor activities (not included in the above exposure settings) follow Phase 4 guidance |

IDPH will continue to track the positivity rate in regions requiring additional mitigations to determine if mitigations can be relaxed, if additional mitigations are required, or if current mitigation should remain in place.

- For regions experiencing a resurgence of COVID-19, Tier 1 mitigations may be applied in either of the two scenarios:
 - If a region's test positivity rate is greater than or equal to 8 percent for three consecutive days (measured with the 7-day rolling average)
 - If a region experiences both a sustained increase in test positivity rate (measured with the 7-day rolling average for 7 of 10 days) and hospital capacity is threatened, which is measured by either:
 - A. A sustained increase in the number of COVID patients in the hospital (measured with the 7-day average for 7 of 10 days), or
 - B. Staffed ICU bed availability falls below 20 percent for three consecutive days (measured with the 7-day rolling average)
- For regions experiencing declining spread of COVID-19, Tier 1 mitigations will go into effect if a region meets the following three metrics:
 - Test positivity rate between 6.5 and 8 percent for three consecutive days (measured with the 7-day rolling average)
 - Staffed intensive care unit (ICU) bed availability greater than or equal to 20 percent for three consecutive days (measured with the 7-day rolling average)
 - No sustained increase in the number of COVID-19 patients in hospitals (measured with the 7-day rolling average for 7 of 10 days)

Please see the Illinois Gaming Board's website for Tier 1 and Tier 2 mitigations for casino gambling and video gaming.

Follow the latest regional metrics at: <https://dph.illinois.gov/regionmetrics>.

For more information on guidance for businesses, please visit the FAQ on [DCEO's website](#).