

Resurgence Mitigations

As detailed in the July 15 Restore Illinois resurgence plan, new mitigations will be applied if a region’s positivity rate averages greater than or equal to 8 percent for three consecutive days, or if a region experiences a sustained increase in the positivity rate (increases in 7 out of 10 days) AND sustained increase in hospital admissions for a COVID-19 like illness or reduction in hospital capacity that threatens surge capabilities (availability of ICU or med/surgical beds under 20 percent). If a region has exceeded IDPH criteria that trigger additional mitigations to combat a resurgence of COVID-19 and prevent uncontrollable spread, new measures are necessary to curtail further spread.

Regions that are experiencing a resurgence of COVID-19 will operate under these new mitigation requirements:

SETTING	MITIGATION REQUIREMENTS
Bars	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All bars close at 11pm and may reopen no earlier than 6am the following day • No indoor service • All bar patrons should be seated at tables outside • 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
Restaurants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All restaurants close at 11pm and may reopen no earlier than 6am the following day • No indoor dining or bar service • Tables should be 6 feet apart • No standing or congregating indoors or outdoors while waiting for a table or exiting • Reservations required for each party • No seating of multiple parties at one table
Meetings, social events and gatherings (including weddings, funerals, potlucks, etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limit to lesser of 25 guests or 25% of overall room capacity both indoors and outdoors • No party buses • Gaming and Casinos close at 11:00pm, are limited to 25 percent capacity, and follow mitigations for bars and restaurants, if applicable
Organized group recreational activities (fitness centers, sports, etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No change • All Sports Guidance effective August 15, 2020, remains in effect • Outdoor Activities (not included in the above exposure settings) continue per current DCEO guidance

IDPH will continue to track the positivity rate in regions requiring additional mitigations over a 14-day monitoring period to determine if mitigations can be relaxed, if additional mitigations are required, or if current mitigation should remain in place. If the positivity rate averages less than or equal to 6.5 percent over a 3-day period, the region will return to Phase 4 mitigations under the Restore Illinois Plan. If the positivity rate averages between 6.5 percent and 8 percent, IDPH will continue to monitor the region to determine if additional mitigations are needed. If the positivity rate averages greater than or equal to 8 percent after 14 days, more stringent mitigations can be applied to further reduce spread of the virus, which could include reducing capacity on organized group recreation, fitness or other activities supported by local contact tracing data and temporary suspension of certain activities.

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