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Region 7 Moves to Phase 4

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) today announced Region 7, Kankakee and Will counties, is moving to [Phase 4](#) of the Restore Illinois Plan **effective today**. Additional information about which tier and phase regions are in can be found at the top of the [IDPH website](#) homepage.

[A Phase 4 Guidelines Overview](#) can be found on the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity website.

Phase 4 Guidelines include the following:

RESTAURANTS AND BARS

- Indoor dining and drinking now permitted for parties of up to 10 people
- Seated areas should be arranged so that tables allow for 6 feet between parties; impermeable barriers may be installed between booths which are less than 6 feet apart

RETAIL AND SERVICE COUNTER

- Continue capacity limit of no more than 50% occupancy

PERSONAL CARE

- Continue capacity limit of no more than 50% occupancy

INDOOR/OUTDOOR RECREATION

- Reopening select indoor recreation facilities (e.g., bowling alleys, skating rinks); indoor playgrounds and trampoline parks should remain closed
- Indoor recreation to operate at lesser of 50 customers or 50% of facility capacity

MUSEUMS

- Capacity limit of no more than 25% occupancy
- Guided tours should be limited to 50 or fewer people per group

MEETINGS AND SOCIAL EVENTS

- Limit to the lesser of 50 people or 50% of room capacity
- Multiple groups may meet in the same facility if they are socially distanced and in separate rooms

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IDPH will continue to closely monitor test positivity, ICU bed availability, and the number of people in the hospital with COVID-19. Should data show regions trending in the wrong direction, based on the established mitigation metrics, regions could once again find themselves in a higher tier with increased measures.

Metrics for moving from a higher to lower tier are as follows:

Moving from Tier 3 to Tier 2

- Test positivity rate $\geq 8\%$ and below 12% for three consecutive days (7-day average); AND
- Staffed ICU bed availability $\geq 20\%$ for three consecutive days (7-day average); AND
- Sustained decline in COVID patients in hospital (7-day average for 7 of 10 days)

Moving from Tier 2 to Tier 1

- Test positivity rate between 6.5% and 8% for three consecutive days (7-day average); AND
- Staffed ICU bed availability $\geq 20\%$ for three consecutive days (7-day average); AND
- No sustained increase in COVID patients in hospital (7-day average for 7 of 10 days)

Moving from Tier 1 to Phase 4

- Test positivity rate $\leq 6.5\%$ for three consecutive days (7-day average); AND
- Staffed ICU bed availability $\geq 20\%$ for three consecutive days (7-day average); AND
- No sustained increase in COVID patients in hospital (7-day average for 7 of 10 days)

Information about mitigation and resurgence metrics can be found on the [IDPH website](http://www.dph.illinois.gov/regionmetrics) at <http://www.dph.illinois.gov/regionmetrics>.

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