

Tier 2 Resurgence Mitigations

As detailed in the July 15 Restore Illinois resurgence plan, Tier 2 mitigations may be applied if a region’s positivity rate remains above the 8 percent positivity threshold after 14 days under Tier 1 mitigations. If a region continues to experience a sustained resurgence of COVID-19 after 14 days with Tier 2 mitigations in place, stricter measures may be necessary to curtail further spread.

Regions experiencing a sustained resurgence of COVID-19 after 14 days in Tier 1 mitigations will operate under these Tier 2 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 • No tables exceeding 6 people *
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 • No tables exceeding 6 people *
Meetings, social events and gatherings (including weddings, funerals, potlucks, etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limit to 10 guests in both indoor and outdoor settings * • Applicable to professional, cultural and social group gatherings. • Not applicable to students participating in-person classroom learning, sports or polling places. • This does not reduce the overall facility capacity dictated by general business guidance such as office, retail, etc. • 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 (including sports, but excluding fitness centers*)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limit to lesser of 25 guests or 25% of overall room capacity both indoors & outdoors * • Groups limited to 10 or fewer people * • All Sports Guidance effective August 15, 2020, remains in effect • Outdoor Activities (not included in the above exposure settings) continue per current DCEO guidance

* DENOTES NEW MITIGATION TO TIER 2

In addition, IDPH recommends the following actions be taken:

- Display prominent masking and distancing signage
- Discourage non-essential travel to other states and international locations
- Discourage groups greater than 4 individuals in ages 12 -17 from congregating outside of school
- Promote work from home when possible

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 may 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 and outbreak data and temporary suspension of certain activities.

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](#).