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State of Illinois Aims to Reopen Under Phase Three in the Restore Illinois Plan

Kankakee, IL – Majority of the state will begin to reopen by the end of this week and early next week as we enter the third phase under the Restore Illinois plan.

<https://coronavirus.illinois.gov/sfc/servlet.shepherd/document/download/069t000000BadS0AAJ?operationContext=S1>

“Helping business owners get back to work in a way that protects public health is our top priority. The state has issued general guidelines in which the City of Kankakee will follow. I will be working with City Council to address outdoor dining and pursue other strategies that can support businesses as we continue to navigate this pandemic,” said Mayor Wells-Armstrong.

The City of Kankakee will continue to operate under the guidelines issued by state and health officials. Businesses outlined in phase three here, <https://coronavirus.illinois.gov/s/restore-illinois-phase-3>, will be allowed to reopen their doors with capacity limits, social distancing and safety guidelines in place.

City of Kankakee offices will remain closed to the public until further notice while services will continue to be provided.

Governor Pritzker recently announced new guidelines for businesses to help prepare business owners and staff. The business toolkit for phase three includes many helpful resources and can be downloaded here: <https://bit.ly/3gjixns>.

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) advises if employees are able to work from home, continue to do so.

Here is what to expect in phase three in the recovery phase:

Bars and restaurants: Open for pickup, delivery and drive-thru. Establishments will also be allowed to conduct outdoor seating for parties of six or fewer. Social distancing requirements will remain in place, meaning tables should also be six feet apart as well.

Personal care services: Hair salons, nail salons, barber shops, spas, tattoo shops, massage parlors, tanning salons and other personal care services can reopen under the exception of staff and customers wearing a face covering. Massage and body treatments will be limited to 30 minutes or less.

Retail: Retail stores may open with capacity limits at a maximum of 50% store capacity or five customers allowed per 1,000 square feet of retail space. Customers and staff are still required to wear face coverings. No reusable bags are allowed.

Service counters: Dry cleaners, electronics repair shops, shoe repair shops, car washes and other service providers are allowed to reopen with a maximum of 50% of capacity or five customers allowed per 1,000 square feet of usable space.

Health and fitness: Gyms, fitness centers and yoga, dance, cycling, pilates and barre studios can begin to reopen under these guidelines. Health and fitness services are limited to one-on-one training or outdoor fitness classes with up to 10 participants. Contact exercises such as boxing, sparring, wrestling, etc. are not permitted at this time. Services are limited to reservations only. No walk-ins will be permitted.

Before allowing entrance, fitness centers should ask whether a member is currently exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms. If a member does have symptoms, they should wait to enter premises until they have had no fever for at least 72 hours, other symptoms have improved, and at least 10 days have passed since their symptoms first appeared.

Members should clean and sanitize equipment both before and after use, maintain 10 feet of distance during exercise and wear face coverings when not exercising, if medically possible. Equipment should not be shared between members at the same time unless from the same household.

Health care: All health care providers are open with IDPH guidelines in place.

Offices: Office capacity must remain at least at 50% and if employees can work from home, continue to do so. A social distancing and safety plan must be in place.

“Non-essential” businesses: Employees can return to work with IDPH approved safety guidelines in place depending on the risk level. Continuing to work from home is encouraged if possible.

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

Youth sports: Organizations operating recreational sport activities for youth can hold drills, practices, and lessons that do not involve contact between individuals and allow for six feet of social distancing to be maintained. No competitive games will be allowed in this phase.

Summer camps: Day camps who are not licensed by the Department of Children and Family Services operating over the summer months, such as recreational day camps, educational day camps and religious day camps can take place during the day only. No overnight camps will be permitted.

Education and child care: Limited child care and summer programs can reopen with IDPH safety guidelines in place. Remote learning in P-12 schools and higher education will continue.

Outdoor recreation: For outdoor recreation businesses such as driving ranges, outdoor shooting ranges, paintball courses, golf, outdoor adventure parks and more, groups will need to be limited to 10 people or fewer. Customers will still need to wear face coverings and businesses will need to develop a system to inform guests of capacity limitations.

Campgrounds will be allowed to open, with proper social distancing procedures in place.

Groups of 10 or fewer people will also be allowed to travel together on boats, but must continue to wear masks when social distancing is not possible.

Golfers will be allowed to play in groups of up to four. Carts will also be allowed, but will still only be allowed to transport one golfer, unless the two golfers have been living together during the stay-at-home order.

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