



Dear Oak Park business owners and operators:

Illinois Governor JB Pritzker has announced that all regions of the state will move to Phase 3 of the Restore Illinois Plan as early as May 29. Moving to Phase 3 will allow more activity at most Oak Park businesses. The goal of the Village's Public Health Department is to increase activity and business opening in conjunction with the state and to get back to normalcy as much as possible without jeopardizing the health and safety of residents, visitors and employees.

In order to know what specifically the state will require of each business prior to its opening in Phase 3, we are awaiting specific state guidance that has not yet been issued.

Here's what we know today regarding the State's Restore Illinois plan.

- **Bars and Restaurants** may open for delivery, pickup, drive-through and outdoor seating. Prior to opening outdoor seating located on public property (such as street or sidewalk), a permit will be required. The permit process will be to establish the locations where tables, which must be at least six feet 6 feet apart and away from sidewalks can be located. Staff must wear face coverings and practice social distancing.
- **Tennis** facilities, both indoor and outdoor, will be allowed to reopening with state safety precautions and capacity limits.
- **Health clubs**, gyms and fitness facilities will be allowed to provide one-on-one personal training in indoor facilities and outdoor fitness classes of up to 10 people.
- **Retail stores** will be allowed to reopen to shoppers, but must follow state safety precautions and capacity limits. Face coverings will be required for both staff and shoppers.
- **Personal care services** like nail salons, tattoo shops, hair braiders, spas and barbershops will be allowed to open but must follow state safety precautions and capacity limits.
- **Non-essential manufacturing** that can operate within social distancing guidelines may reopen with state-approved safety guidance.
- **Employees of non-essential businesses** may return to work with state-approved safety guidance depending upon risk level. However, tele-work strongly encouraged wherever possible. Employers are encouraged to provide accommodations for COVID-19-vulnerable employees

Within the coming days, the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (IDCE) is expected to release reopening guidelines that should help answer specific questions regarding the transition to Phase 3 of Restore Illinois. The guidelines are expected to address the following:

- **General health requirements**, including plans employers must have for social distancing, working from home, handwashing and other related issues.
- **Human resources and travel policies** related to health and safety and training employees must complete prior to returning to work, including limits on travel.
- **Health monitoring**, including conducting temperature screenings and following state guidance regarding sick employees.
- **Physical workplace** requirements including social distancing signage, proper space configuration for employees, removing shared items, providing hand sanitizer and environmental cleaning.
- **Customer behaviors** that may be required for some businesses, including reservations, face coverings required, symptomatic customers and maintaining social distancing.

The Oak Park Public Health Department is working closely with the Village's Department of Development Customer Services who will also communicate direction with business license holders in Oak Park about specific information provided by the state. Additionally, we will post via links on the Village website, www.oak-park.us/covid19.

Thanks for keeping Oak Park safe,

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