

February 3, 2021

Dear Gurnee Business Partner:

Effective today, Region 9, which includes Lake and McHenry Counties, has met the criteria set by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) to move from Tier 1 mitigations to **Phase 4** under the State's [Restore Illinois Plan](#)! Our region's testing positivity rate has been below 6.5% for three consecutive days, staffed intensive care unit (ICU) bed availability has risen to above 30%, and a decrease in hospitalized COVID-19 patients has been reported in 10 of the past 10 days.

We have worked together to 'slow the spread', and we're seeing the results. Gurnee businesses and residents have endured unimaginable challenges over the past year, and your commitment has been tested time and again. Gurnee can always be counted upon to do the right thing, and I have never been prouder!

Phase 4 Guidelines now in effect for Region 9 include the following:

Restaurants

- 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 Counters

- 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.



Kristina M. Kovarik, Mayor

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IDPH has also issued updated [sports safety guidance](#), which I know is of interest to so many of our Gurnee families.

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

As we enjoy being back together, please continue to follow the 3 W's so that we can continue slowing the spread:

- Wear a mask
- Wash your hands
- Watch your distance

Thank you for taking care of each other and the community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kristina M. Kovarik".

Mayor Kristina M. Kovarik
Village of Gurnee