

May 7, 2021

Dear Gurnee Business Partner:

Bridge to Phase 5

On Thursday, Governor Pritzker announced that Illinois will enter the Restore Illinois “Bridge Phase” of reopening on **Friday, May 14**. Following a 28-day monitoring period, a full reopening of the state - Phase 5 - could occur as early as June 11. The Bridge Phase allows for higher capacity limits and increased business operations, including:

SETTING	PHASE 4	BRIDGE	PHASE 5
Dining	Seated areas: Patrons ≥ 6 feet apart; parties ≤ 10 Standing areas: 25% capacity	Seated areas: Patrons ≥ 6 feet apart; parties ≤ 10 Standing areas: 30% capacity indoors; 50% capacity outdoors	N O L I M I T S
Health and fitness	50% capacity Group fitness classes of 50 or fewer indoors or 100 or fewer outdoors *	60% capacity Group fitness classes of 50 or fewer indoors or 100 or fewer outdoors	
Offices	50% capacity	60% capacity	
Personal care	50% capacity	60% capacity	
Retail and service counter	50% capacity	60% capacity	

Details, by business sector, for the Bridge to Phase 5 may be found [here](#). Also helpful is the Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity (DCEO) Frequently Asked Questions page, regularly updated, found [here](#).

Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Application Deadline – May 31

The Small Business Administration is currently offering PPP loans originated *only* by certain community financial institutions, through May 31 or until funds are exhausted. To find an eligible lender still participating:

- [Certified Development Companies - CDCs](#)
- [SBA Microlenders](#)
- [Community Development Financial Institutions - CDFIs](#)
- [Minority Depository Institutions - MDIs](#)

To participate in a May 19 webinar, offered by DCEO, on the PPP program; [register here](#).

Employer Tax Credits for Providing Paid Leave for Vaccinations

- [Internal Revenue Service Fact Sheet](#)
- [White House Statement/Release](#)
- [Department of the Treasury Snapshot](#)

Gurnee Temporary Outdoor Dining Guidelines

With indoor dining still restricted, the Village will continue facilitating restaurants' use of outdoor space to accommodate more patrons safely and comfortably. The 2021 Temporary Outdoor Dining Guidelines are [posted here](#). Additionally, the Village will continue to allow liquor-to-go by licensed establishments in accordance with State of Illinois Liquor Control Commission guidelines.

Restaurant Revitalization Fund (RRF) – Open for Applications

The American Rescue Plan Act included an appropriation of \$28.6 billion for the RRF, authorizing the Small Business Administration (SBA) to award funds. The application period for the RRF opened on May 3, and appropriations remain available until expended. Priority in the first 21 days of the program will be given to restaurants owned by women, veterans, and socially or economically disadvantaged groups. Details on the program, including eligibility, use of funds, how to apply, and more may be found [here](#). To begin the application process, please visit: <https://restaurants.sba.gov/>.

For an SBA Overview of the Restaurant Revitalization Fund, register for any of the following (same content) webinars:

1. [Friday, May 14, 1:00pm](#)
2. [Friday, May 21, 1:00pm](#)
3. [Friday, May 28, 1:00pm](#)

A few of the highlights of the RRF Program include:

- Funds may be used for eligible expenses incurred between February 15, 2020 and March 11, 2023
- Eligible uses of RRF funds include:
 - Business Expenses such as payroll, utility payments, supplies, maintenance, food & beverage expenses, covered supplier costs, and operating expenses including insurance, marketing, fees, licenses, legal, Point of Sale equipment, etc.
 - Construction of outdoor seating
 - Business Debt such as payments on any business mortgage obligation or debt service (including regular principal and interest but excluding prepayment)
- PPP recipients are eligible to apply for RRF; however, any PPP funds received will be subtracted from the RRF final funding amount. Applicants should be sure to use the same EIN, ITIN, or SSN associated with the PPP; if different between First Draw and Second Draw, closely consult RRF program rules.
- Applicants must *not* have a pending application or have received a Shuttered Venue Operators grant.
- Applicants do not need to be registered in SAM.gov, and the SBA will not require a DUNS or CAGE identifier.
- Any business concern operating as a franchise and meeting all other program requirements is eligible; the franchise must be listed on the SBA Franchise Directory.

Shuttered Venue Operators Grant Applications Open Now

The Shuttered Venues Operators Grant (SVOG) includes over \$16 billion in grants to shuttered venues. Eligible entities include live venue operators/promoters, museum operators, motion picture theater operators, live performing arts organization operators and more. [Apply now and learn more on the SBA website.](#)

Small Business Community Resources

The [Illinois Small Business Development Center](#) is offering training programs through TAD (Training Assessment and Development) and BizHub through funding from the CARES Act passed last year.

BizHub: BizHub offers Q&A with local entrepreneurs and experts, access to a network for small businesses, a startup knowledge center, and opportunities to share your startup story or get tips from other small businesses.

- Register your business now [here](#)

TAD: CLC offers TAD, an affordable cloud-based integrated system, to employers of any size in Lake County. TAD is a high-quality, results-oriented training designed for any-size organization. They offer training and workshops on a variety of topics including business writing, communication, ESL, leadership, and more.

- Visit clillinois.edu/solutions to learn more

Lake County Vaccination Sites

Doctors Test Centers is currently running a pod for restaurant workers who live or work in Lake County. For the Registration Portal, click [here](#).

Many community vaccination sites are now offering walk-in service with no appointment needed.

Lake County Fairgrounds (1060 E. Peterson Rd., Grayslake)

Hours of operation (by appointment or walk-in):

- Friday, May 7: 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Saturday, May 8: 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Monday, May 10: 7 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- Wednesday, May 12: 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Friday, May 14: 7 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- Saturday, May 15: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Eligibility: Ages 16+, Illinois residents, and residents of other states who work in Lake County, Illinois. Vaccine Supply: Both Pfizer and Moderna are provided at the Fairgrounds site, and Johnson & Johnson vaccine is available by request. Pfizer is guaranteed for ages 16-17 and is the only vaccine authorized for that age group.

Regional Vaccination Site (102 W. Water St., Waukegan)

Hours of operation (by appointment or walk-in):

- Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays: 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- NOTE: Closed on Sunday, May 9 for Mother's Day

This site provides drive-through and walk-in service. Eligibility: Ages 16+, Illinois residents, and residents of other states who work in Lake County, Illinois. Vaccine Supply: Pfizer is currently provided at the Regional Vaccination Site.

Round Lake Beach (Former K-Mart Supercenter, 400 E. Rollins Rd.):

Walk-in hours:

- Tuesdays through Sundays: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- NOTE: Closed on Sunday, May 9 for Mother's Day

Eligibility: Ages 16+, Illinois residents, and residents of other states who work in Lake County, Illinois. Vaccine Supply: Pfizer is currently provided at the Round Lake Beach site.

Additional Information:

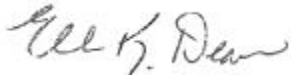
COVID-19 vaccines are free to all, regardless of insurance or immigration status. All sites listed above are vaccinating ages 16 and older. Minors under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Vaccine supply may change, and Pfizer vaccine is only guaranteed for those ages 16-17.

The Lake County Health Department is now providing the one-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine by appointment to its Community Health Center patients, Illinois residents, and residents of other states who work in Lake County, Illinois. Locations include the Grand Avenue Health Center in Waukegan, Midlakes Health Center in Round Lake, North Shore Health Center in Highland Park, and Zion Health Center in Zion. Please visit the [AllVax Portal](#) or call [\(847\) 377-8130](tel:847-377-8130) for an appointment.

There are many locations to get the COVID-19 vaccine, including many retail pharmacies now offering walk-ins. Visit www.lakecountyil.gov/vaccine for more information.

As always, thank you for your partnership, and we look forward to crossing the “Bridge” with you toward recovery and revitalization!

Sincerely,



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