

June 10, 2021

Dear Gurnee Business Partner:

Tom's Tours

In [2020](#), as a Trustee of the Village of Gurnee, Mayor Thomas B. Hood started *Tom's Tours* visiting local businesses of all types and showcasing their operations on social media as a way to support Gurnee's business community, particularly during the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic. The video tour has proved very popular with the community and is being continued by now-Mayor Hood. If you are interested in a visit from the Mayor (a great opportunity to ask questions and provide input into Village operations), please visit <https://www.gurnee.il.us/tom's-tours>, complete the form, and Village staff will be in touch!

Gurnee's Got It – 102.3XLC

Another great opportunity to introduce your business – to Gurnee and all of Lake County and beyond – is to join us as a guest for a 5-10-minute interview with 102.3XLC morning hosts Wes & Leah. According to your preference, interviews may be live or prerecorded, via phone or in-person at the Gurnee Mills studio. They will be aired on the Thursday morning "Gurnee's Got It!" segment – sponsored by the Village, at no cost to your business. For examples of prior interviews, please visit our audio archive at <https://www.gurnee.il.us/ggi-xlc>. If interested, please contact me via email, below.

State of Illinois Fully Reopens Tomorrow, June 11

Illinois will move to a full reopening, also known as Phase 5, the final phase of the Restore Illinois plan, on Friday, June 11, 2021. Tomorrow, the state will eliminate all capacity limits on businesses, large-scale events, conventions, amusement parks, and all other venues.

According to the Governor's office and the Illinois Department of Public Health:

- The state reaches this point as it records the lowest number of people in the hospital with COVID-19 since the beginning of the pandemic, the lowest test positivity rate, and more than 68% of Illinois residents age 18 and over who have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine.
- Today the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is reporting 366 new confirmed and probable cases, 764 people in the hospital with COVID-19, and a test positivity rate of 1.3%. These are some of the lowest COVID-19 statistics reported in Illinois to date. Additionally, IDPH is reporting 209 people with COVID-19 in the ICU and 103 people on ventilators. These are also some of the lowest counts we've seen since the pandemic began.
- Currently, 11.9 million doses of the COVID-19 vaccine have been administered to Illinois residents. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is reporting more than 68% of residents age 18 and older in Illinois have received at least one dose of vaccine and 51% of adults are fully vaccinated. Additionally, more than 88% of Illinois seniors have received at least one dose of vaccine.
- Currently, there is not a vaccine authorized for children younger than 12 years, and some adults have chosen not to be vaccinated. For these reasons, it is important for unvaccinated people to continue to wear masks while in public and to socially distance. The virus can continue to spread among unvaccinated individuals, which could lead to additional mutations and new, more virulent variants.
- Phase 5 Guidance for businesses and venues may be found [here](#).

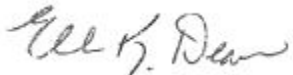
In accordance with guidance from the CDC, fully vaccinated people in Illinois can resume activities without wearing a mask except where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance. The Village of Gurnee does not have a local mask mandate; however, some individual businesses, workplaces, or institutions might; we ask that such rules be respected on private property.

Consistent with CDC guidance, fully vaccinated and non-vaccinated persons are required to wear a face covering in certain situations including (1) on public transportation, planes, buses, trains, and in transportation hubs such as airports and train and bus stations; (2) in congregate facilities such as correctional facilities and homeless shelters; and (3) in health care settings. Individuals in schools and day cares must also continue to wear face coverings per guidance issued by the [Illinois State Board of Education](#), [Illinois Department of Children and Family Services](#), and the Illinois Department of Public Health.

We are so pleased to be in partnership with all of you. Thank you for everything you do to make Gurnee the fabulous, healthy & safe, prosperous, and vibrant community that it is!

Gurnee's Got It!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ellen K. Dean".

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