

## COVID-19 Update: June 22 11 am

Reminders: All previous bulletins and other resources listed at [www.gpcovid.com](http://www.gpcovid.com). Send any questions to [bizinfo@greaterpeoriaedc.org](mailto:bizinfo@greaterpeoriaedc.org).

### Illinois Phase IV Guidelines Released

This morning the state released guidelines for business operations in Phase IV which is slated to begin on Friday, June 26. Comprehensive information [here](#) including and industry-by-industry summary [here](#).

Summary of the new guidelines from the [press release](#): Phase 4 of the Restore Illinois plan creates safety guidelines for the following permitted activities and businesses to resume, with capacity rules in place:

- **Meetings and events:** Venues and meeting spaces can resume with the lesser of up to 50 people OR 50% of overall room capacity. Multiple groups are permitted given facilities have space to appropriately social distance and can limit interaction between groups. This includes activities such as conferences and weddings.
- **Indoor and Outdoor recreation:** Revised guidelines to allow select indoor recreation facilities (e.g., bowling alleys, skating rinks), as well as clubhouses to reopen. Indoor recreation to operate at the lesser of 50 customers OR 50% of facility capacity with outdoor recreation allowing group sizes of up to 50, and permitting multiple groups given facilities have space to appropriately social distance and can limit interaction between groups; concessions permitted with restrictions.
- **Indoor Dining:** Indoor dining can reopen with groups of 10 or less, with tables spaced 6-feet apart in seated areas and with standing areas at no more than 25% of capacity.
- **Museums:** Can reopen with no more than 25% occupancy, and with interactive exhibits and rides closed; guided tours should be limited to 50 people or fewer per group; museums should have a plan to limit congregation via advance ticket sales and timed ticketing; concessions permitted with restrictions.
- **Zoos:** Can reopen with no more than 25% occupancy, and with interactive exhibits, indoor exhibits, and rides closed; guided tours should be limited to 50 people or fewer per group; zoos should have a plan to limit congregation via advance ticket sales and timed ticketing; concessions permitted with restrictions.
- **Cinema and Theatre:** Indoor seated theaters, cinemas, and performing arts centers to allow admission of the lesser of up to 50 guests OR 50% of overall theater or performance space capacity (applies to each screening room); outdoor capacity limited to 20% of overall theater or performance space capacity; concessions permitted with restrictions.
- **Outdoor seated spectator events:** Outdoor spectator sports can resume with no more than 20% of seating capacity; concessions permitted with restrictions.
- **Film production:** Allow no more than 50% of sound stage or filming location capacity; crowd scenes should be limited to 50 people or fewer.

Industries with revised guidelines in Phase 4:

- **Youth and Recreational Sports:** Revised guidelines allow competitive gameplay and tournaments; youth and recreational sports venues can operate at 50% of facility capacity, 20% seating capacity for spectators, and group sizes up to 50 with multiple groups permitted during practice and competitive games given venues have space to appropriately social distance and can limit interaction between groups; concessions permitted with restrictions.
- **Health and fitness centers:** Revised guidelines allow gyms to open at 50% capacity and allow group fitness classes of up to 50 people with new safety guidelines for indoors, with multiple groups

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- **Day camps:** Water-based activities permitted in accordance with IDPH guidelines; no more than 50% of facility capacity with group size of no more than 15 participants in a group, unless participants change weekly.

### **Application for City of Peoria Business Assistance Program Open**

Over \$1 million is dedicated to provide assistance for specific fixed operating expenses such as rent, mortgage, utility payments, internet service, garbage service, insurance and other fixed debt service for small businesses. The application period begins at 8am on June 22 and ends at 3pm on July 2. The maximum award is \$15,000 for small restaurant businesses with 6-50 employees. All other eligible businesses are eligible for up to \$7,500. A lottery will take place on July 7 to select the order in which businesses receive funding. Program details, application materials and recordings of a webinar explaining the program can be found [here](#).

### **Help Illinois Families Initiative Launched**

The state of Illinois has launched a new initiative to help Illinois families access and afford home energy assistance and other essential services during COVID-19. Building on the State's Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) program, the State's Fiscal Year 2021 (FY 21) budget authorizes an expansion of the LIHEAP and CSBG programs for eligible Illinoisans seeking emergency assistance to cover costs of utility bills, rent, temporary shelter, food, and other household necessities. Effective immediately, the Help Illinois Families initiative is implementing an online pre-application form to make it easier and faster for individuals and families to start the application process remotely and to determine eligibility for LIHEAP and/or CSBG services. Increased eligibility thresholds for FY21 aims to assist additional households needing support due to challenges exacerbated by COVID-19. More [here](#).

### **BIG Program Launches June 23**

Details and applications for Illinois' "Business Interruption Grant" (BIG) Program have been pushed back one day. Check [here](#) for more details after June 23. From last week's press release, the BIG program includes support for:

- *Businesses in Disproportionately Impacted Areas (DIAs)* - \$20 million for businesses that are located in a subset of DIAs that have recently experienced significant property damage, providing 1,000 grants of \$20,000 each
- *Bars and Restaurants* - \$20 million for bars and restaurants unable to offer outside service, providing 1,000 grants of up to \$20,000
- *Barbershops and Salons* - \$10 million for barbershops and salons, providing 1,000 grants of \$10,000 each
- *Gyms and Fitness Centers* - \$10 million for gyms and fitness centers that have lost significant revenue due to COVID-19, providing 500 grants of \$20,000 each.