

# Public Policy Newsletter

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## Restore Illinois

Governor J.B. Pritzker announced his [Restore Illinois](#) plan to reopen the state. The plan outlines four regions in Illinois with five different phases that the different regions can move through based on specific criteria. For reference: Phase One is a strict stay-at-home order as we experienced throughout April, while Phase Five will be attained when a vaccine or treatment is available. Currently, all of Illinois is in Phase Two. Different guidelines are present at each phase.

The plan outlines a series of metrics for a region to advance to the next or return to the previous phase. The state's four regions are based on already existing Emergency Management System regions. A region's status on each of the metrics can be seen on the Illinois Department of Public Health's [website](#).

In the days since the plan was released, some have praised the plan while other have criticized. However, Gov. Pritzker has stated that getting an effective [treatment](#) can change everything.

## Other state public policy and related news

[House Speaker Michael Madigan](#) releases a statement regarding reconvening the Illinois General Assembly.

[Illinois Community Health Centers](#) to receive \$25 million to expand COVID-19 testing.

[The Illinois Public Health Department](#) provides guidelines for what could be required for the General Assembly to come back to Springfield.

Illinois Treasurer [Michael Frerichs](#) asks Congress to allow more discretion over COVID-19 relief funds.

[The State of Illinois](#) updates its COVID-19 resource page each day as Gov. Pritzker begins his daily 2:30 p.m. conference.



## Federal public policy and related news

The United States [jobless rate](#) hits 14.7 percent—it's highest since the Great Depression.

[Economic Injury and Disaster Loan](#) limits are cut to \$150,000 from \$2 million.

The [U.S. Postal Service](#) revealed losses doubled in the quarter ending in March, and warns COVID-19 will hurt its finances for next 18 months.

Supreme Court Justice [Clarence Thomas](#) breaks his silence by asking questions during oral arguments via telephone.



## Local public policy and related news

The Sangamon County Fair has been [postponed](#).

The City of Springfield [seeks input](#) on their proposed plan to spend almost \$800k in federal dollars for COVID-19 relief.

The Springfield City Council approves [ShotSpotter](#).

The Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce provides updated COVID-19 [Resources and Information](#).



## Bids and RFPs

### City of Springfield

**Bid Opportunities:** Stevenson Drive Radio Tower Repair, Abatement/Demolition, CWLP FY 21

Underground Electric Rebuilds, Substation Voltage Regulators, Submersible Non-clog Wastewater Pump, Dallman Building Heat Replacement, and Multi-Use Path Along Hilltop Road.

**Requests for Proposals:** Sale of Real Property 2019, Street & Alley Repairs, Electric T&D Truck Leasing, and Engineering Services to Perform Signal Improvements and Beautification Projects.

