Regions 8 and 9 Move to Tier 1

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SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) today announced Region 8 (DuPage and Kane) and Region 9 (Lake and McHenry) are moving to **Tier 1** effective today. Information about which tier and phase regions are in can be found at the top of the **IDPH website** homepage.

Restaurants and Bars

- Indoor service limited to the lesser of 25 guests or 25% capacity per room
- Establishments offering indoor service must serve food
- All bar and restaurant patrons should be seated at tables
- No ordering, seating, or congregating at bar (bar stools should be removed)
- Tables should be 6 feet apart
- No standing or congregating indoors or outdoors while waiting for a table or exiting

Organized Group Recreational Activities

(fitness centers, sports, etc.)

- Sports should follow the mitigation measures set forth in the All **Sports** Policy, which outlines appropriate levels of practice and competition based on individual sport risk
- Face coverings must be worn at all times in fitness centers, including while engaged in individual exercise regardless of person or machine spacing
- Recreation, fitness centers and outdoor activities (not included in the above exposure settings) follow **Phase 4** guidance

Meetings and Social Events

(including weddings, funerals, potlucks, etc.)

- Limit to lesser of 25 guests or 25% of overall room capacity both indoors and outdoors
    - Applicable to professional, cultural and social group gatherings.
    - Not applicable to students participating in-person classroom learning, or sports.

This does not reduce the overall facility capacity dictated by general Phase 4 business guidance such as office, personal care, retail, etc.

IDPH will continue to closely monitor test positivity, ICU bed availability, and the number of people in the hospital with COVID-19. Should data show regions trending in the wrong direction, based on the established mitigation metrics, regions could once again find themselves in a higher tier with increased measures.

Metrics for moving from a higher to lower tier are as follows:

Moving from Tier 3 to Tier 2

- Test positivity rate ≥ 8% and below 12% for three consecutive days (7-day average); AND
- Staffed ICU bed availability ≥ 20% for three consecutive days (7-day average); AND
- Sustained decline in COVID patients in hospital (7-day average for 7 of 10 days)

Moving from Tier 2 to Tier 1

- Test positivity rate between 6.5% and 8% for three consecutive days (7-day average); AND
- Staffed ICU bed availability ≥ 20% for three consecutive days (7-day average); AND
- No sustained increase in COVID patients in hospital (7-day average for 7 of 10 days)

Moving from Tier 1 to Phase 4

- Test positivity rate ≤ 6.5% for three consecutive days (7-day average); AND
- Staffed ICU bed availability ≥ 20% for three consecutive days (7-day average); AND
- No sustained increase in COVID patients in hospital (7-day average for 7 of 10 days)

Information about mitigation and resurgence metrics can be found on the **IDPH website** at **http://www.dph.illinois.gov/regionmetrics**.

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