Region 4 Mitigation Measures

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Region 4 has exceeded IDPH criteria that trigger additional mitigations to combat a resurgence of COVID-19 and prevent uncontrollable spread. As detailed in the July 15 Restore Illinois resurgence plan, new mitigations will be applied if a region's positivity rate averages greater than or equal to 8 percent for three consecutive days, as it has in Region 4 from August 14 to 16, 2020. Region 4 includes Bond, Clinton, Madison, Monroe, Randolph, St. Clair and Washington counties.

Effective August 18, Region 4 will operate under these new mitigation requirements:

SETTING	MITIGATION MEASURE
BARS	• All bars close at 11:00pm (matching new closing time at bars in St. Louis) • No ordering, seating, or congregating at bar (bar stools should be removed) • All bar patrons should be seated at tables inside and outside • All indoor tables should be reduced to 6 persons or less • Tables should be 6 feet apart • No standing or congregating indoors or outdoors while waiting for a table or exiting • No dancing or standing indoors • Reservations required for each party

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RESTAURANTS	• All restaurants close at 11:00pm (matching new closing time at bars in St. Louis) • All indoor tables should be reduced to 6 people or less • Tables should be 6 feet apart • No standing or congregating indoors or outdoors while waiting for a table or exiting • Reservations required for each party • If the restaurant also has a bar, the rules for bars apply
MEETINGS, SOCIAL EVENTS AND GATHERINGS	• Limit to lesser of 25 guests or 25 percent of overall room capacity • Reception halls are limited to lesser of 25 guests or 25 percent of overall room capacity • No party buses • Gaming and Casinos close at 11:00pm and are limited to 25 percent capacity
ORGANIZED GROUP RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES (FITNESS CENTERS, SPORTS, ETC.)	• No change • All Sports Guidance effective August 15, 2020, remains in effect • Outdoor Activities (not included in the above exposure settings) continue per current DCEO guidance

IDPH will track the positivity rate in Region 4 over a 14-day monitoring period to determine if mitigations can be relaxed, if additional mitigations are required, or if current mitigation should remain in place. If the positivity rate averages less than or equal to 6.5 percent over a 14-day period, the region will return to Phase 4 mitigations under the Restore Illinois Plan. If the positivity rate averages between 6.5 percent and 8 percent, IDPH will continue to monitor the region to determine if additional mitigations are needed. If the positivity rate averages greater than or equal to 8 percent after 14 days, more stringent mitigations will be applied to further reduce spread of the virus, which can include the closure of indoor bars and dining.

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