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Dear Resident/Business Owner:

Governor Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Public Health announced yesterday that COVID-19 resurgence mitigations will be implemented in Regions 4 and 10 (includes Cook County), beginning at 12:01 a.m. on Wednesday, October 28, 2020. The additional mitigations for our region are due to 8 consecutive days of increases in test positivity and seven days of increased hospital admissions. The mitigation measures include:

### **Bars**

- No indoor service
- All outside bar service closes at 11:00 p.m.
- All bar patrons should be seated at tables outside
- 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
- No dancing or standing indoors
- Reservations required for each party
- No seating of multiple parties at one table

### **Restaurants**

- No indoor dining or bar service
- All outdoor dining closes at 11:00 p.m.
- Outside dining 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
- No seating of multiple parties at one table

### **Meetings, Social Events, Gatherings**

- Limit to lesser of 25 guests or 25 percent of overall room capacity
- No party buses
- Gaming and casinos close at 11:00 p.m., are limited to 25 percent capacity, and follow mitigations for bars and restaurants, if applicable

A full list of mitigation measures pertaining to some businesses and industries may be found at [www.dceocovid19resources.com/restore-illinois](http://www.dceocovid19resources.com/restore-illinois).

In the coming days, IDPH will continue to track the positivity rate in both regions to determine if mitigations can be relaxed, if additional mitigations are required, or if current mitigations should remain in place. In the meantime, we ask all residents and business owners to diligently follow the new mitigation measures as they are in the best interest of everyone.

Sincerely,

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Mayor