



## An Overview of Governor Pritzker's COVID-19 "Restore Illinois" Plan

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Restore Illinois is the State of Illinois's five-phase plan to reopen the state. Each phase includes certain business, education, and recreational activities that would be allowed, and is based on regional health care availability in IDPH's 11 Emergency Medical Services Regions. From those 11 regions, four "health regions" were established under the plan. Each can independently move through the five phases. Movement between each phase is dependent on meeting certain criteria. As new research becomes available and the potential for new treatments and vaccines is realized, the plan is likely to be updated.

**Phase 1: Rapid Spread**- Characterized by harsh mitigation measures, such as stay at home orders and social distancing.

Criteria for moving to Phase 2

- Slowing of new case growth
- Availability of surge capacity in adult medical and surgical beds, ICU beds, and ventilators
- Ability to perform 10,000 tests per day statewide
- Testing available in region for any symptomatic health care workers and first responders

**Phase 2: Flattening**- The infection rate is stabilizing, and health care resource use is stabilizing.

Criteria for moving to Phase 3 (tracked from the time a region enters Phase 2)

- At or under a 20 percent positivity rate and increasing no more than 10 percentage points over a 14-day period, AND
- No overall increase (i.e. stability or decrease) in hospital admissions for COVID-19-like illness for 28 days, AND
- Available surge capacity of at least 14 percent of ICU beds, medical and surgical beds, and ventilators
- Testing available for all patients, health care workers, first responders, people with underlying conditions, and residents and staff in congregate living facilities
- Begin contact tracing and monitoring within 24 hours of diagnosis

Potential causes for moving back to Phase 1

- Sustained rise in positivity rate
- Sustained increase in hospital admissions for COVID-19 like illness



- Reduction in hospital capacity threatening surge capabilities
- Significant outbreak in the region that threatens the health of the region

**Phase 3: Recovery**- Infection rate is stable or declining, and health care resource use is stable or declining. Select industries can return to work, and retail stores can open with limited capacity.

Criteria for moving to Phase 4 (tracked from the time a region enters Phase 3)

- At or under a 20 percent positivity rate and increasing no more than 10 percentage points over a 14-day period, AND
- No overall increase (i.e. stability or decrease) in hospital admissions for COVID-19-like illness for 28 days, AND
- Available surge capacity of at least 14 percent of ICU beds, medical and surgical beds, and ventilators
- Testing available in region regardless of symptoms or risk factors
- Begin contact tracing and monitoring within 24 hours of diagnosis for more than 90% of cases in region

Potential causes for moving back to Phase 2 are the same as above.

**Phase 4: Revitalization**- Continued decline in infection rate, and hospital capacity allows for readiness for a surge of new cases. Schools and restaurants can reopen with social distancing policies in place.

Criteria for moving to Phase 5

- Post-pandemic conditions, including a vaccine, effective and widely available treatment, or elimination of new cases over a sustained period of time

Potential causes for moving back to Phase 3 are the same as above.

**Phase 5: Illinois Restored**- Testing, tracing, treatment and/or vaccine availability is such that healthcare capacity is no longer a concern, or there are no new cases over a sustained period of time. Things return to normal, but with new health and hygiene practices in place.