

COVID-19 Update: May 19, 2021

Reminders: All previous bulletins and other resources listed at www.gpcovid.com. Send any questions to bizinfo@greaterpeoriaedc.org.

Restaurant Revitalization Fund Closes May 24, 2021

SBA announced that it will close the Restaurant Revitalization Fund (RRF) application portal on Monday, May 24th at 7 p.m. Central Time. To date, the RRF program has received more than 303,000 applications representing over \$69 billion in requested funds, and nearly 38,000 applicants have been approved for more than \$6 billion. The American Rescue Plan allocated \$28.6 billion for RRF and members of Congress are working on legislation that would replenish funds. While it appears that funds might soon be exhausted, businesses are encouraged to apply through May 24. Of particular emphasis, establishments with annual revenue of less than \$50,000 are encouraged to apply as there are special funds within RRF that are set aside for the smallest businesses. More information on the window closing [here](#). Full program information including eligibility, application procedures, qualified use of funds, etc. can be found [here](#).

Illinois DCEO is hosting webinars for potential applicants or those helping applicants on Wednesday, May 19 at 3 pm and Friday, May 21 at 1 pm. Register for the Wednesday session [here](#) and the Friday session [here](#).

Post Award RRF Guidance

The National Restaurant Association has put together a helpful guide for RRF grantees that provides guidance on eligible costs, recording keeping, reporting, etc. You can find it [here](#).

Mask Regulations Update

Following the lead of the CDC, Governor Pritzker issued a new [Executive Order \(2021-10\)](#) providing that individuals who are fully vaccinated no longer have to wear a mask indoors or outdoors. There are three exceptions meaning individuals must continue wearing masks (1) on planes, trains, and other forms of public transportation; (2) in congregate settings such as correctional facilities and homeless shelters, and (3) in health care settings. Individuals who are not vaccinated must continue to wear face masks that cover their nose and mouth when in a public place and are unable to socially distance.

According to the CDC fully vaccinated people can:

- Resume activities without wearing masks or physically distancing, except where required by federal, state, or local laws, rules and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance
- Resume domestic travel and refrain from testing before or after travel or self-quarantine after travel
- Refrain from testing before leaving the United States for international travel (unless required by the destination) and refrain from self-quarantine after arriving back in the United States
- Refrain from testing following a known exposure, if asymptomatic, with some exceptions for specific settings
- Refrain from quarantine following a known exposure if asymptomatic
- Refrain from routine screening testing if feasible

All of Illinois in “Bridge Phase” - Phase 5 Coming Soon

As of May 14, all of Illinois has entered the “Bridge Phase.” The Bridge Phase increases capacity for a variety of events from sporting events to farmers markets. Governor Pritzker has

stated that at the current pace of vaccinations and with a continued decline in infection and deaths that Illinois would move to Phase 5 in mid-June. There are generally no commercial restrictions in Phase 5. More information on all the restrictions of the Restore Illinois Plan can be found [here](#).

Upcoming Vaccine Clinics

Wide vaccination adoption is the best way to ensure our economy can fully reopen. As of May 18, [only about 42%](#) (depending on county) of the citizens in Greater Peoria have been fully vaccinated. The Peoria City/County Health Department maintains a list of public vaccine clinics available in Peoria, Woodford and Tazewell counties [here](#). Upcoming clinics:

- May 20th 3 pm - 7 pm: Itoo Hall, Peoria (Moderna) [Appointment required](#)..
- May 21st 9 am - noon: Northwoods Mall, Peoria (Johnson & Johnson) No appt needed
- May 22nd 11 am - 2 pm: Alwan & Sons, Peoria Heights (Johnson & Johnson) No appt needed
- May 22nd 10 am - 1 pm: First United Methodist Church, Peoria (Moderna) [Appointment preferred](#)
- May 25th 3 pm - 7 pm - Limestone Community High School, Bartonville (Modern) [Appointment preferred](#)
- May 27th 3 pm - 7 pm: Northwoods Mall, Peoria (Johnson & Johnson) No appt needed

Vaccines are also available without an appointment Monday-Friday from 9 am to 4 pm at the Peoria City/County Health Department (Moderna, Johnson & Johnson). Tazewell County Health Department is [scheduling appointments](#) at their Broadway Clinic (Pekin) Monday through Friday 8:30 am - 3:30 pm as well as hosting walk-in clinics in the same location on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:30 am - 3:30 pm and Tuesday: 10:30 am -5:30 pm. The Woodford County Health Department is [scheduling appointments](#) for three upcoming Johnson & Johnson clinics:

- May 27 - Fieldcrest Primary School, Minonk
- June 3 - Metamora Township High School Library, Metamora
- June 11 - Woodford County EMA, Roanoke

Information on vaccine clinics organized by other county health departments can be found on their websites: [Logan](#), [Mason](#) (Facebook), [Fulton](#), [OSF Healthcare](#) and [UnityPoint Health](#) are also offering vaccines, including the Pfizer vaccine for 16 and 17 year olds. You can also schedule a vaccine through Heartland Health Services by calling (309) 680-7600. You can also find and schedule appointments at private pharmacies (anywhere in the US) using the [Vaccine Spotter website](#).