

Public Policy Newsletter

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Gearing Up for Phase 3

Currently all four regions of the state are set to enter Phase 3 of the [Restore Illinois](#) plan next Friday. This week brought Governor Pritzker's announcement that the plan is being amended in some capacity.

In Phase 3 [restaurants and bars](#) will have the option of hosting outdoor dining so long as social distancing and municipal guidelines are followed. Additionally, [golfing](#) foursomes will now be allowed on the course with golf carts permitted with one individual per cart.

Illinoisans are still encouraged to get outside as all state parks will open on May 29, and boating and camping activities will be allowed for groups of up to ten. [Child-care facilities](#) will also be allowed to open with no more than 10 children per classroom.

Phase 3 also allows for non-essential establishments, close contact services, and some fitness centers to reopen under strict social distancing and public health guidance.

On Sunday the State released [industry specific guidelines](#) for phase 3 opening.

Other state public policy and related news

State [budget approved](#) late Saturday, session adjourns.

[Vote-by-mail](#) expansion heads to Pritzker for signature.

Illinois' [unemployment rate](#) in April was 16.4 percent.

The University of Illinois system expects a [\\$167 million loss](#) due to pandemic.

[The State of Illinois](#) updates its COVID-19 resource page each day as Gov. Pritzker begins his daily 2:30 p.m. conference.



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Federal public policy and related news

President and his advisors show support for a new round of [COVID-19 relief funding](#).

The United States requests that the World Health Organization begin a [review](#) of its COVID-19 response.

The FDA named 27 antibody tests no longer [approved for sale](#).

Sen. John [Ratcliffe](#) was confirmed as Director of National Intelligence to President Trump.



The [U.S. Census Bureau](#) released preliminary data on regions of rapid growth.

NASA and SpaceX prepare to launch [astronauts](#) into space from American soil for the first time in nearly a decade.

Local public policy and related news

City Council approves plan to [distribute nearly \\$800,000](#) in federal COVID-19 relief funds, votes down attempt to consider Mayor's appointments for housing policy council.

The Illinois Times announces \$100,000 advertising [matching](#) available for area businesses.

The Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce releases [Guide to Reopening Your Business](#).

The Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce provides updated COVID-19 [Resources and Information](#).



Bids and RFPs

City of Springfield

Bid Opportunities: Stevenson Drive Radio Tower Repair and Lakeside Tunnel Isolation Project



Requests for Proposals: Sale of Real Property 2019, Third-Party Administrative Services and Utilization Review Program, On/Near-Site Health Clinic, Investment Banking Services, Engineering Services to Perform Signal Improvements and Beautification Projects, and Street/Alley Repairs.

