Tier 2 mitigations may be applied to regions that are experiencing a sustained resurgence of COVID-19 or regions that have been under more stringent Tier 3 mitigations but have not yet achieved metrics that allow for a resumption of either Tier 1 or Phase 4 Restore Illinois activities. If a region again experiences a sustained resurgence of COVID-19 with Tier 2 mitigations in place, a return to stricter measures may be necessary to curtail further spread. **Tier 2 includes the following mitigations:**

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| Bars and Restaurants | • All bars and restaurants close at 11pm and may reopen no earlier than 6am the following day  
  • No indoor service  
  • All bar and restaurant 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  
  • No tables exceeding 6 people  
  • Reservations required for each party  
  • No seating of multiple parties at one table  
  • Includes private clubs and country clubs |
| Meetings, social events and gatherings (including weddings, funerals, potlucks, hotel centers, etc.) | • Limit to 10 guests in both indoor and outdoor settings  
  • Applicable to professional, cultural and social group gatherings.  
  • Not applicable to students participating in-person classroom learning or sports.  
  • This does not reduce the overall facility capacity dictated by general Phase 4 business guidance such as office, personal care, retail, etc.  
  • Hotel room occupancy should be limited to registered guests only, with the maximum allowance being the number of individuals permissible per existing fire code for each applicable guest room  
  • Hotel fitness centers should be closed, or operated only on a reservation model with capacity limited to 25% of the maximum occupancy for the room  
  • No party buses |
| Organized group recreational activities (including sports and fitness centers) | • Recreation and sporting facilities limit to lesser of 25 guests or 25% of overall room capacity both indoors & outdoors  
  • No groups of more than 10, including fitness classes, but multiple groups are allowed if separated by impermeable barriers and within overall facility capacity limits  
  • Face coverings must be worn at all times in fitness centers, including while engaged in individual exercise regardless of person or machine spacing  
  • Sports should follow the mitigation measures set forth in the Winter Update to the All Sport Guidelines, which outlines appropriate levels of practice and competition based on individual sport risk  
  • Outdoor Activities (not included in the above exposure settings) continue per current DCEO guidance |
In addition, IDPH recommends the following actions be taken:

- Display prominent masking and distancing signage
- Discourage non-essential travel to other states and international locations
- Discourage groups greater than 4 individuals in ages 12 - 17 from congregating outside of school
- Promote work from home when possible

IDPH will continue to track the positivity rate in regions requiring additional mitigations 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.

- For regions experiencing a resurgence of COVID-19, Tier 2 mitigations may be applied if a region's sustained test positivity rate is between 8 and 12 percent for three consecutive days over a 14-day monitoring period (measured with the 7-day rolling average).
- For regions experiencing declining spread of COVID-19, Tier 2 mitigations will go into effect if a region meets the following three metrics:
  - Test positivity rate is below 8 and greater than 6.5 percent for three consecutive days (measured with the 7-day rolling average)
  - Available intensive care unit (ICU) and medical/surgical bed capacity greater than or equal to 20 percent for three consecutive days (measured with the 3-day rolling average)
  - No sustained increase in the number of COVID-19 patients in hospitals (measured with the 7-day rolling average over 7 of 10 days)

Please see the Illinois Gaming Board’s website for Tier 1 and Tier 2 mitigations for casino gambling and video gaming.

Follow the latest regional metrics at: https://dph.illinois.gov/regionmetrics.

For more information on guidance for businesses, please visit the FAQ on DCEO’s website.