

AUGUST 2020 NEWSLETTER

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

A digital look at your local business community

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COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS

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The Macomb Area Chamber of Commerce has created a dedicated website to provide local business hours/operations, state and local information, and health notifications to assist you and the business community during the transition this unprecedented pandemic. We will update this list as new information is available.

As we move within our respective Restore Illinois phase, area businesses will be able to open again under specific circumstances. To help you and your business, the Chamber has compiled a resource page of Business Guidance for Safely Reopening During COVID-19. As guidelines change we will regularly update the information.

Please note, that we are not government experts, lawyers, or bankers; however, we will certainly do our best to connect you the vital resources that you need at this time. If there is anything missing, please let us know and we will see to it that you get the appropriate information. Thank you.

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Restore Illinois

As McDonough County remains in Phase 4 of the Restore Illinois plan, we invite you to visit the links below to keep up on the latest reopening information and resources.

To assist businesses and employers with continuing to implement the safety guidelines and to ensure safety in the workplace, the State of Illinois - Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) has developed a business toolkit complete with signage, training checklists, and other resources to ensure business and activities are conducted in accordance with the latest public health recommendations.

RESTORE ILLINOIS

A Public Health Approach To Safely Reopen Our State

Phase guidelines are broken down by industry and several of them may directly apply to your respective business or organization. These are intended to be a general set of rules and may need to be further personalized to fit your employees and work environment.

PHASE 4: REVITALIZATION



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PHASE 4 GUIDELINES OVERVIEW

RESTORE ILLINOIS
A Public Health Approach To Safely Reopen Our State

PART OF PHASE IV OF RESTORE ILLINOIS PLAN

APPLICABLE TO EACH REGION UPON TRANSITION TO PHASE IV | ISSUED ON JUNE 22, 2020 | EARLIEST EFFECTIVE DATE JUNE 26, 2020

OFFICES

- Continue capacity limit of no more than 50% occupancy
- In-person meetings of up to 50 people with social distancing permitted
- Continue health screenings, though employers may screen office employees via in-person conversation or questionnaire once at their workstation, or using virtual method

RESTAURANTS AND BARS

- Indoor dining and drinking now permitted for parties of up to 10 people
- Seated areas should be arranged so that tables allow for 6 ft. between parties; impermeable barriers may be installed between booths which are less than 6 ft. apart
- Standing areas (in restaurants or bars) should be limited to no more than 25% of standing area capacity
- Buffets and self-service food stations (e.g. hot and cold bars, bulk items, baked goods) should adhere to additional minimum guidelines
- Self-service beverage fountains are permissible with the additional precautions

RETAIL AND SERVICE COUNTER

- Continue capacity limit of no more than 50% occupancy
- Mall food courts may reopen in line with Indoor Dining and Drinking guidelines

PERSONAL CARE

- Continue capacity limit of no more than 50% occupancy
- If services require customer to remove his or her mask, employee must wear both a face mask and eye protection (e.g., face shield, protective glasses)
- No time restrictions on massage or other services

OUTDOOR SEATED SPECTATOR EVENTS

- Outdoor spectator events only; indoor spectator events not permitted at this time
- Tickets events with seating available for all customers permitted; general admission shows and/or events with standing room only are not permitted at this time
- Maximum of 20% of seating capacity for spectators
- Concessions permitted with restrictions

THEATERS AND PERFORMING ARTS

- Seated theaters, cinemas, and performing arts centers for ticketed events with seating available for all customers permitted; general admission shows and/or events with standing room only are not permitted at this time
- Indoor capacity limit of 50 people or less or 50% of space capacity (applies to each screening room); outdoor capacity limited to 20% of overall space capacity
- Patrons should wear face coverings over their nose and mouth, except while seated within a venue (exceptions can be made for people with medical conditions or disabilities that prevent them from safely wearing a face covering)
- Concessions permitted with restrictions

YOUTH AND RECREATIONAL SPORTS

- Competitive gameplay and tournaments permitted
- Capacity limit of no more than 50% facility capacity, 20% seating capacity for spectators
- Group sizes limited to 50 participants total (including athletes, coaches, and referees); with multiple groups permitted during practice and competitive games given venues have space to appropriately social distance and can limit interaction between group
- Concessions permitted with restrictions

ZOOS

- Capacity limit of no more than 25% occupancy
- Guided tours should be limited to 50 or fewer people per group
- Hands-on exhibits and touch screens should be closed or modified to eliminate the hands-on component
- Indoor exhibits should be closed
- Audio tours are permitted, though equipment should be disinfected before and after individual use
- Zoos should have plan to limit congregation via advance ticket sales and timed ticketing
- Concessions permitted with restrictions



If you have questions or need additional support: Please call our hotline at 1-800-252-2923 or e-mail us at ceo.support@illinois.gov or return to illinois.gov/businessguidelines



PHASE 4 GUIDELINES OVERVIEW

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ALL INDUSTRIES

- All employees who can work from home should continue to do so
- Continue to wear face covering that covers nose and mouth, maintain social distance of 6 ft., and frequently wash hands
- Continue employee health screenings upon entry into the workplace and mid-shift screenings for employees with shifts >5 hours (virtual screening permitted)
- Follow guidelines on capacity limits and group sizes (to be continually reassessed throughout Phase 4)

DAY CAMPS

- Capacity limit of no more than 50% of facility occupancy
- Group sizes of 15 participants, unless participants changing weekly
- Water-based activities permitted according to IDPH guidelines
- Continue to encourage outdoor activities as much as possible, especially for activities requiring physical exertion and/or exertion of voice

FILM PRODUCTION

- Capacity limit of no more than 50% of sound stage/location occupancy
- Crowd scenes should be limited to 50 people or fewer
- All individuals should maintain 6 ft. of social distancing unless job duty cannot be performed without proximity (e.g. actors performing, hair, make-up, costumes)
- One-time nasal swab for RT-PCR testing of all cast and crew should be obtained within 48 to 72 hours prior to the start of work on set or location
- Craft services and catering should follow Restaurant and Bar guidelines
- Live audiences permitted in line with Theatre/Performing Arts guidelines

HEALTH AND FITNESS

- Capacity limit of no more than 50% occupancy
- Group fitness classes of up to 50 people with at least 6 ft. social distancing between individuals permitted; multiple groups permitted given facilities have space to appropriately social distance and can limit interaction between groups
- Workout stations and equipment should be 6 ft. apart without barriers or 3 ft. apart with impermeable barriers in between
- For open gym spaces, have 1 employee per every 4,000 sq. ft. to monitor social distancing and sanitize equipment between use
- Sanitize equipment before and after each individual use and sanitize locker rooms and showers at least every hour
- Keep ancillary accommodations (e.g., saunas, hot tubs, steam rooms) closed, though childcare areas are permitted to reopen in line with DHFS childcare guidelines
- Members should wear face covering over their nose and mouth whenever not exercising

INDOOR/OUTDOOR RECREATION

- Reopening select indoor recreation facilities (e.g., bowling alleys, skating rinks); indoor playgrounds and trampoline parks should remain closed
- Indoor recreation to operate at lesser of 50 customers or 50% of facility capacity
- Outdoor recreation allowing group sizes of up to 50, and permitting multiple groups given facilities have space to appropriately social distance and can limit interaction between groups
- Activity stations should be spaced at least 6 ft. apart or limited in number to ensure social distancing
- Shared equipment should be disinfected before and after each use
- Clubhouses and other communal gathering places allowed to reopen
- Concessions permitted with restrictions

MANUFACTURING

- In-person meetings of up to 50 people with social distancing permitted

MEETINGS AND SOCIAL EVENTS

- Limit to the lesser of 50 people or 50% of room capacity
- Multiple groups may meet in the same facility if they are socially distanced and in separate rooms
- Groups should be static for duration of meeting or event. If event includes multiple sessions, participants should remain in one room, and speakers/presenters should rotate between rooms or be digitally displayed (e.g. projected, livestreamed) in multiple rooms
- Dance floors should remain closed
- Food service should follow Restaurant and Bar guidelines

MUSEUMS

- Capacity limit of no more than 25% occupancy
- Guided tours should be limited to 50 or fewer people per group
- Hands-on exhibits and touch screens should be closed or modified to eliminate the hands-on component
- Audio tours are permitted, though equipment should be disinfected before and after individual use
- Museums should have plan to limit congregation via advance ticket sales and timed ticketing
- Concessions permitted with restrictions

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Executive Director Letter

Hello Chamber Members,

It is back-to-school time again and the usual buildup of excitement and anticipation has been replaced by fear and nervousness. Parents are worrying over whether they should enroll their children in the in-person hybrid model or online-only school; not to mention what to do with their children when they are not in school.

Teachers, administration, and staff are worrying about how to keep everyone, including themselves, safe. I have no doubt that the Macomb School District will do everything in their power to do the best for our students, teachers, and school staff. Parents will do what is right for their families and there is no wrong decision, as every family has their own needs that should be respected.

Let's
WORK
Together!

I encourage you to give your employees plenty of grace and flexibility during this time. We all want to get back to business as usual, but COVID-19 has made that difficult for now. Do you have employees with K-12 students that are able to work remotely? If so, consider offering them that option during off days if they do not have childcare. Or adjust shifts and hours to align with their student's schedules. Unfortunately, there are not a lot of childcare options in Macomb to accommodate the large number of students who will be in need this Fall. There are no ideal solutions for any parent of a K-12 student right now, so please be understanding and try to work with your employees when you can do so.

Please continue to wear your mask and require your employees and customers to wear masks. We are in this together and need to #maskupmacomb to keep our community safe. Continue to practice and require proper hand washing, sanitation, and follow all the necessary guidelines from the CDC and McDonough County Health Department.

There are still grant and loan options available out there if your business has been affected by COVID-19, so please visit www.macombareachamber.com/coronavirus for more information.

As always, contact me at any time by emailing lauren@macombareachamber.com or calling the Chamber office at (309) 837-4855. I always welcome your questions, comments, and concerns.

Lauren Merritt
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Marketing Director Letter

Hello,

You made it to August. And if we're honest with ourselves, we're all still a little (or a lot) banged up and bruised from the fight against COVID-19. We're tired, both physically and mentally, from the constant inconveniences and the last-minute changes of life right now. We're struggling to be good people, good employees, good parents, and good neighbors in a world that simply doesn't feel good sometimes. We find ourselves trying to do right by everyone, juggle it all, and try not to drop the ball. We find the simplest tasks are often the most challenging right now. We're all just over it!



By now, you're thinking this is a real downer of a letter, but we are simply saying:

We get you!

We get that those invoices may have sat unpaid. We get that you meant to schedule that email blast. We get that a ribbon cutting feels a little weird. We get that you miss handshakes and hugs. We get that Zoom meetings can be hard with kids in the background. We get that you are just trying to keep the lights on, let alone pay the bills. We get that the work days don't look the same and we offer understanding because

We get you!

While our community has weathered the storm with grit and determination, we know there are some industries and businesses that have definitely felt the hard-hitting effects of having to be shuttered for the past few months and we are here to help. Part of the Chamber of Commerce mission is that we want to see our collective business community thrive and we are committed to being a means for that to happen, now more than ever. And we realize that starts with you and your needs, which no doubt have changed in the last few months. Our office is here to meet those needs and adapt our services as best we can because

We get you!

We are here to help. I am here to help. If you find yourself unable to know where to even start when it comes to marketing your business as a Chamber member, I invite you to reach out to me at any time. I would love to help walk you through the baby step ways to get the word out about your business. You already pay the dues, so there is no better time than now to take advantage of the resources we have waiting for you. No judgement. No lectures. No expertise required. Let's work together so that we can get you back in the game and off the sidelines because

We get you!

We are a resilient community and we know you are dedicated to your professions, so we are still sending email blasts, promoting our members on social media, keeping it local first, and helping you to market your business in new and innovative ways. And if you simply need a place to talk it all through, reach out to us because

We get you!

Please send all content, questions or concerns to me via email at shay@macombareachamber.com and I will be happy to connect you with the resources you need. Thank you.

Be well and be well to others.

CHAMBER EMAIL BLASTS

The daily Chamber email blast is a single email image sent to 800+ inboxes! This very popular feature is a cost-effective way to reach several members of the community and market your business with the push of a button!

- **STEP 1 - RESERVATIONS:** Reserve your email blast on a first come, first-serve basis via phone or email. Chamber members may reserve ONE date per month.
- **STEP 2 - INVOICE:** Email blasts are \$35. Invoices will be issued when the email blast date is reserved. Invoices will only be sent to the Chamber member listed within our records. The invoice serves as your ONLY reminder for the reserved date, so mark your personal calendar.
- **STEP 3 - DESIGN:** The Chamber will not design or edit email blast content. Please provide the email document exactly as you wish it to appear. The email blast document must clearly include the member logo/state the member affiliation.
- **STEP 4 - SUBMITTING:** All email blast content must be received within 48 hours of the scheduled blast date. The chamber will ONLY accept electronic JPG formatted documents. NO Word/PDF/paper documents. If the email blast content is not received in a timely manner, the scheduled date will be forfeited and the invoice must still be paid.
- **STEP 4 - EMAIL SENT:** All email blasts will be sent ONE time only. Please double check all spelling, contact information, and other details before submitting your document to our office. We track every email blast sent and will gladly share with you the open rate of your individual blast so you can see just how big your audience reach can be!



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The City of Macomb

The City of Macomb is actively working with several local agencies and state authorities to provide the clearest and most up-to-date information for all citizens. To find a list of resources, visit their website.

City of Macomb Mayor Mike Inman is also routinely sharing COVID-19 updates via a series of YouTube videos which can be viewed on Facebook and via the City of Macomb YouTube channel.



City wide clean up

The City of Macomb and Waste Management request the assistance of the citizens of Macomb in the Spring City-

Wide Clean Up Aug 10 - 13, 2020 with a second pickup on the Monday route on Aug 17. Residents should place their refuse and trash curbside no earlier than 48 hours before their regular garbage pickup day. Clean up begins at 6 am on your normal pick up day. For complete details, visit the city website.

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McDonough District Hospital

McDonough District Hospital is working with the McDonough County Health Department, McDonough County Emergency Services, and Disaster Agency during the COVID-19 crisis

For the latest updates and specifics on drive thru screening hours, elective operation updates, and health safety practices please view the MDH website below.



MDH.org

10 things you can do to manage your health at home

If you have possible or confirmed COVID-19:

1. **Stay home** from work, school, and away from other public places. If you must go out, avoid using any kind of public transportation, ridesharing, or taxis.



2. **Monitor your symptoms** carefully. If your symptoms get worse, call your healthcare provider immediately.



3. **Get rest and stay hydrated.**



4. If you have a medical appointment, **call the healthcare provider** ahead of time and tell them that you have or may have COVID-19.



5. For medical emergencies, call 911 and **notify the dispatch personnel** that you have or may have COVID-19.



6. **Cover your cough and sneezes.**



7. **Wash your hands often** with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.



8. As much as possible, **stay** in a specific room and **away from other people** in your home. Also, you should use a separate bathroom, if available. If you need to be around other people in or outside of the home, wear a facemask.



9. **Avoid sharing personal items** with other people in your household, like dishes, towels, and bedding.



10. **Clean all surfaces** that are touched often, like counters, tabletops, and doorknobs. Use household cleaning sprays or wipes according to the label instructions.



Please go to www.cdc.gov/covid19-symptoms for information on COVID-19 symptoms.



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Business Assistance

Under the direction of Governor JB Pritzker, the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity is working with partners to launch emergency assistance programs for Illinois small businesses. These initiatives include Illinois Small Business Emergency Loan Fund, and Downstate Small Business Stabilization Program, Small Business Administration Disaster loans, Economic Injury Disaster Loans Advance Grants, and Paycheck Protection Programs.



We will continue to email the latest business resource updates to you as they are available. We urge you to research your options carefully; however, note that many of these resources are time sensitive and require applications be submitted by set state and federal deadlines.

For business assistance resources, please visit our website.

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ANTIRACISM SUMMER READING LIST

Click to view an annotated list of antiracism books
courtesy of Dr. J.Q. Adams and Dr. Janice Welch

Recent scholarship by educators and activists who share a deep concern and commitment to equity and justice can help readers comprehend a world that continues to allow excessive violence against African Americans. Their work not only explores the roots of that violence, but also shares an understanding of the humanity of the persons who are especially hurt by that violence, an understanding that leads them to compassion and empathy. Since all members of our community have a responsibility to help make justice, equity, and diversity a reality, you may find these works of interest and value. Though by no means exhaustive, together, they cover a wide span of historical research, explore personal narratives, analyze ideological positions, examine approaches to communicating across differences, and ask readers to evaluate attitudes and perspectives based on unconsciously absorbed racist beliefs. Some underscore the historical context that has led us to this moment while others offer pragmatic guidance as we strengthen our ability to respond to every member of our community (and world) as, first and foremost, human. We welcome additions to this list based on readers own experience and needs.

Compiled and annotated by CoDirectors of the Illinois Association for Cultural Diversity
Dr. J. Q. Adams, Faculty Emeritus, Western Illinois University
Dr. Janice R. Welsch, Faculty Emerita, Western Illinois University

[Reading List](#)

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Late Civil Rights leader makes big impact

Local leaders held a brief wreath laying ceremony in mid-July to honor the late Reverend C.T. Vivian, a nationally renowned civil rights leader. Vivian grew up near the 700 block of East Adams Street in Macomb. The lot, which is currently empty, may become the future sight of a community center and park.

The idea of building a center of civic and social engagement was announced nearly two years ago by Byron Oden-Shabazz, President of the McDonough County Branch of the NAACP. Oden-Shabazz said he will pursue grants and other funding sources to pay for the project.



Vivian devoted his life to bringing about change through non-violent means. Cordy Tindell Vivian was born in Missouri. His family moved to Macomb when he was young, hoping to provide him a better education. Vivian attended Western Illinois University before heading to Peoria to help integrate a diner. In the 1950s he joined forces with the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. and served as one of King's top advisors. Vivian died on July 16 in Atlanta, Georgia. He was 95.

Oden-Shabazz stated, "This man is known all over the world for his work. And to say we have a park and a center dedicated C.T. Vivian would do a lot for Macomb."

[McDonough County NAACP](#)

Community commits to Ten Shared Principles

The Macomb City Council gathered together to on July 20 to watch a virtual discussion featuring civil rights activist Ibram Kendi. The hour-long discussion, watched by over 15,000 people, touched on multiple topics about race and community relations.



Following the Zoom meeting, law enforcement officers from McDonough County, the Illinois State Police and other community leaders met outside City Hall to sign the Ten Shared Principles, a set document committing to the preservation of life for all during encounters between the community and police.. President of the Illinois NAACP, Teresa Haley, Illinois NAACP Criminal Justice Chair, Robert Moore and ILACP Executive Director Ed Wojcicki were also in attendance.

These principles have been in the area since 2018 when Western Illinois University's Office of Public Safety and the Macomb Police Department both signed them in 2018. They were joined on Monday by the McDonough County Sheriff's Office, Illinois State Police, Colchester Police Department and the Bushnell Police Department to make McDonough County one of only three counties in Illinois (the other counties being Sangamon and Kankakee) to adopt the principles among every law enforcement agency in the area.

Ten Shared Principles

Business Verification and Contact Information

The Macomb/McDonough County Communications Center is working on updating their countywide business directory in their computer system. This directory is very important so that 911 telecommunicators can contact someone in case of an emergency that occurs at a business after normal hours. To do this, business owners can go to the link below. Simply fill out the form and hit submit. That's all there is to it. Please use the link, as this info will not be taken over the phone. Thank you.



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- The Old Dairy (210 S. Lafayette St., Macomb) celebrated their ninth year in business in the month of July. Information: [Old Dairy](#)
- Free Range Yoga and Community Wellness Center (118/122 N. Lafayette St., Macomb) celebrated their seventh year in business during the month of July. Information: [Free Range](#)





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Calendar of Events

As our area businesses, schools, gyms, restaurants, and retail stores are still in the process of reopening; we will resume our Chamber Calendar of Events in September. As A FREE member benefit, we invite you to send your events to us for our online/print calendar. Whether virtual or in person, we want to help get the word out about the new ways you are helping us all #keepitnmacomb!

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Member Renewals

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2020. Your support of the local business community is critical, now more than ever, as we look forward to working with you to serve as a platform that provides opportunities for growth and development for your organization and the Macomb area.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

McDonough District Hospital
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General Dentistry
Western Illinois University Athletics
Harold O'Shea Builders
Senator Jil Tracy
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Western Illinois University

WIU prepares for Fall semester

Western Illinois University will resume on-campus activities and face-to-face classes Monday, Aug. 24 at its Macomb and Quad Cities campuses.

"We are engaging with faculty and staff to address final elements of our health and safety protocols that will ensure that we will be able to provide the best quality educational experience to all students in these challenging times," Interim President Martin Abraham said.

For full procedures and guidelines, visit the University Updates page below



University Updates

WIU and COVID-19

Western Illinois University is continuing to closely monitor the Coronavirus. This is an evolving situation, and updates are available from the Illinois Department of Public Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), including updated Travel Notices for countries with community transmission. The University's Pandemic Preparedness and Response Committee is following guidelines from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), and national, regional, and local medical providers. They have set up their own webpage, which is intended to provide information about COVID-19 and the University's response and actions. Visit the university website for more information.



Social Media Lab starts

#maskup campaign

Students in Western Illinois University's Department of Communication Social Media Lab have been working on a campaign to encourage the University communities in Macomb and the Quad Cities to wear protective masks.

#MaskUpWIU

@WIULab

Using the hashtags #maskupmacomb #maskupwiu and #maskupqc, WIU Associate Professor of Communication Josh Averbeck and students Josh Brennan and Elizabeth Lutz, both senior communication majors, have been promoting the campaign on various social media outlets.

The WIU Social Media Lab was formed to give WIU students hands-on experience and to produce content for the Department of Communication's social media accounts. The lab teaches students new social media analytics tools and participates in social media branding workshops.

Follow them on Facebook for more information.

WIU Social Media Lab



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Spoon River College

Spoon River College has created a dedicated website to provide updates and information on the controlled reopening of their campus locations to students, staff, and the general public.

For a detailed reopening plan, please visit their website.



Update: Fall 2020

Classes will begin as scheduled on August 24, with blended course delivery and on-campus services that allow a mix of face-to-face classes but with reduced enrollment, hybrid courses that involve both online and classroom work, and courses that are online only.

“Envisioning how to return in the fall has been challenging, and even with the recommendations, it is understood that many questions remain,” said President Curt Oldfield. “Spoon River College is doing all it can to remove barriers that prevent students from receiving an education they need to move their futures forward. We’re attempting to mitigate the risk while still providing a local, high quality, affordable educational experience that will take students where they want to go.”

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- Order fulfilment - wholesale and retail order processing
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Ribbon Cuttings





YMCA of McDonough County: The Ambassador Committee of the Macomb Area Chamber of Commerce held a social distancing responsible ribbon cutting July 8 to celebrate the "Restore Illinois" Phase 4 reopening of the YMCA of McDonough County (400 E. Calhoun Street, Macomb). For the well being of all members and staff, the YMCA has put new policies, procedures, and practices into place in accordance with the Center for Disease Control and the McDonough County Health Department. The facility will operate at a reduced capacity with outdoor class options available and increased sanitizing procedures. Members/Staff must be 16 years or older and will receive temperature checks upon entrance, must wear masks in the facility (with the exception of exercising), and maintain a proper six foot distance. Hours are Mon.-Fri. 7am - 7pm, Sat. 8 am-1pm, Closed on Sunday.

YMCA

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Local Stats

A monthly look at the city/region

TAXES

JUNE 2020

- SALES: \$216,221.88
- BED: \$6,327.44
- MOTOR FUEL: \$20,523.8

Source: City of Macomb,
Business Office

AIRPORT

JUNE 2020

- LANDINGS: 367
- FUEL SOLD (gallons):
10,947

Source: Macomb Municipal
Airport

BUILDING PERMITS

JUNE 2020

- TOTAL ISSUED: 70

Source: City of Macomb,
Zoning Office

LABOR FORCE

(Macomb Micropolitan Area)

APRIL 2020

- LABOR FORCE: 12,434
- UNEMPLOYMENT: 11.6%

Source: Illinois Dept.
of Employment Security



Macomb Area
Chamber of Commerce
Macomb, Illinois

Local Market Update – June 2020

This research tool is provided by RMLS Alliance, LLC. This report covers residential real estate activity in the Peoria Area Association of REALTORS® service area.



Macomb

McDonough County

Single-Family Detached			Year to Date			
Key Metrics	2019	2020	% Change	Thru 6-2019	Thru 6-2020	% Change
New Listings	14	21	+ 50.0%	123	101	- 17.8%
Pending Sales	17	17	0.0%	72	63	- 12.5%
Closed Sales	11	10	- 9.1%	57	54	- 5.3%
Cumulative Days on Market Until Sale	151	152	+ 0.7%	161	172	+ 6.8%
Median Sales Price*	\$74,000	\$137,950	+ 86.4%	\$74,000	\$81,000	+ 9.5%
Average Sales Price*	\$126,864	\$140,690	+ 10.9%	\$94,931	\$92,429	- 2.6%
Percent of Original List Price Received*	88.1%	90.7%	+ 3.0%	85.7%	86.8%	+ 1.3%
Inventory of Homes for Sale	140	103	- 26.4%	—	—	—
Months Supply of Inventory	13.0	9.5	- 26.9%	—	—	—

Single-Family Attached			Year to Date			
Key Metrics	2019	2020	% Change	Thru 6-2019	Thru 6-2020	% Change
New Listings	3	4	+ 33.3%	22	15	- 31.8%
Pending Sales	4	6	+ 50.0%	16	14	- 12.5%
Closed Sales	4	2	- 50.0%	14	8	- 42.9%
Cumulative Days on Market Until Sale	358	69	- 80.7%	323	260	- 19.5%
Median Sales Price*	\$88,950	\$97,500	+ 9.6%	\$88,950	\$116,500	+ 31.0%
Average Sales Price*	\$93,600	\$97,500	+ 4.2%	\$96,186	\$108,875	+ 13.2%
Percent of Original List Price Received*	76.4%	92.3%	+ 20.8%	84.1%	82.7%	- 1.7%
Inventory of Homes for Sale	26	12	- 53.8%	—	—	—
Months Supply of Inventory	10.0	5.7	- 43.0%	—	—	—

* Does not account for sale concessions and/or development assistance. | Percent changes are calculated using rounded figures and can sometimes look smaller due to small sample size.

Median Sales Price - Single-Family Detached

Rolling 12-Month Calculation



Median Sales Price - Single-Family Attached

Rolling 12-Month Calculation



A rolling 12-month calculation represents the current month and the 11 months prior in a single data point. If no activity occurred during a month, the line extends to the next available data point.

Current as of July 5, 2020. All data from RMLS Alliance Report © 2020 ShowingTime

McDonough County

Key Metrics	June			Year to Date		
	2019	2020	% Change	Thru 6-2019	Thru 6-2020	% Change
New Listings	23	32	+ 39.1%	170	140	- 17.6%
Pending Sales	21	20	- 4.8%	107	87	- 18.7%
Closed Sales	16	13	- 18.8%	89	75	- 15.7%
Cumulative Days on Market Until Sale	204	152	- 25.5%	199	175	+ 10.1%
Median Sales Price*	\$78,500	\$122,500	+ 56.1%	\$64,500	\$60,000	- 7.0%
Average Sales Price*	\$124,838	\$124,146	- 0.6%	\$88,440	\$90,885	- 8.6%
Percent of Original List Price Received*	86.5%	90.9%	+ 5.1%	85.5%	86.1%	+ 0.7%
Inventory of Homes for Sale	186	137	- 26.3%	---	---	---
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