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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

A digital look at your local business community

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Macomb, Illinois

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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.

[Visit our Website](#)

Restore Illinois

As McDonough County moves into 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 prepare businesses and employers to implement the new safety guidelines and to bring many residents back to work, 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.

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



PHASE 4 GUIDELINES OVERVIEW



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



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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,

Welcome to Phase 4: Revitalization of the Restore Illinois plan! In this new phase, a number of restrictions have been lifted and many of you have been able to open your doors again or expand your business capacity. While this is truly exciting news, I want to stress how important it is that we remain vigilant now more than ever. You, your employees, and your customers

should all be wearing masks. You should be regularly sanitizing surfaces, especially high touch points. You should be ensuring that your employees are in good health and not displaying any symptoms of COVID-19 before beginning their shift. Social distancing of 6 feet should still be the norm. The last thing any of us want is to watch Illinois backslide into Phase 3, or worse Phase 2. If you have questions, concerns, or need assistance with any of the Restore Illinois guidelines, please contact me and I will gladly help you make sure your business is operating as safely as possible.

Be safe

With these new guidelines, technically the Chamber could start hosting Business After Hours and Business Before Hours again, with limitations of course. However, we have decided now is not the time to do this. While these events are fun and a fantastic way to network, we do not feel we could safely manage these types of social events that generally involve food, drinks, and close proximity to others. We apologize for any inconvenience and disappointment this may cause, but know we cannot wait until we can all get together again without fear of contracting COVID-19.

We have, however, started offering ribbon cuttings for businesses again. In the past we could have upwards of 25 people at a ribbon cutting, however we will be limiting the number of Ambassadors and community members for the time being, as well as requiring masks. Scroll down a bit to see a photo of our Phase 4 ribbon cutting to get an idea of what they will look like. Contact us if you'd like to schedule a ribbon cutting!

We are also anticipating that Macomb Business Academy will be start up again this Spring. It is generally a Fall offering, but we decided to hold off a few months. Stay tuned for more details.

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
Executive Director
Macomb Area Chamber of Commerce

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Marketing Director Letter

Hello,

As we crawl out of Shelter in Place and into the reopening of our community and the State of Illinois, we are having to dust ourselves off a bit and regain our footing as we go back to business, flip the lights on again, and try to move about our lives safely with all the new guidelines and phases.



**We're here
to help!**

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 that starts with you and your needs, which is the sole reason that our office is here.

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. Let's work together so that we can get you back in the game and off the sidelines.

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.

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.

Shay Holland
Marketing Director

Email Shay

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 of Macomb - Website](#)

[City of Macomb - YouTube](#)

City of Macomb RIPPLE Program

Resident Incentive for Purchases to Promote the Local Economy

The Resident Incentive for Purchases to Promote the Local Economy (RIPPLE) program is an economic tool created by the City of Macomb to encourage our residents to patronize local businesses forced to close during the pandemic. RIPPLE provides a reimbursement to Macomb residents in the form of a credit on a future water bill for qualifying purchases at retail and restaurant establishments.

What's Offered: \$25 credit on your water bill

Who Qualifies: Each residential household within City of Macomb City limits. There is a limit of the first 2000 request forms received.

When: Purchases made at qualifying businesses, June 15 through August 31, 2020

Minimum Spent: A total of \$150 at qualifying retail stores and local restaurants

Restrictions / Limitations

- 1. Authorized purchases: All Restaurants and qualifying retail stores are those considered non-essential and were closed by the Governor's executive order (EO #2020-10) and include boutiques, gift shops, salons and clothing stores located within the City Limits.*
- 2. Non-qualifying: are purchases at stores considered essential, such as grocery stores, fueling centers, home improvement stores, garden centers, and pharmacies which are excluded from this program.*
- 3. Limit one credit per household.*
- 4. Receipts must be dated between June 15 and August 31, 2020.*
- 5. Proof of purchase (receipts) must be submitted with the credit request form.*
- 6. Multiple purchases and/or gift cards may be combined to reach the minimum threshold for retail and restaurant purchases.*
- 7. Credit request form must be submitted by September 30, 2020.*
- 8. Credit will be applied to a future water bill; account must be in good standing to receive credit.*
- 9. The first 2000 request forms received will be given rebates on their residential water bills.*

How to Apply

To apply, complete the water bill credit request form below and submit it along with proof of purchase to the City of Macomb by mail to PO Box 377, City of Macomb, IL 61455, email to staff@cityofmacomb.com, or by utilizing the drop box at City Hall.

City of Macomb RIPPLE Program Water Bill Credit Request Form

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Telephone No: _____

Water Account Number: _____

(Left Side of water Bill)

Purchase Locations: _____

(attach receipts) Due to City Hall by September 30, 2020.

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Email

Community Quality of Life Advisory Committee
For the City of Macomb and McDonough County Areas

Rachel Lenz (Chair)
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Macomb, IL 61455
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John Meixner (Vice-Chair)
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"To promote efforts that contribute to the excellence of our community and to monitor and give advice regarding maintaining and enhancing community quality of life, including the prevention and reduction of crime that adversely impacts our neighborhoods."

The McDonough County Community Quality of Life Advisory Committee (CQLC) is seeking nominations for exceptional service to the McDonough County area for the 2019-2020 year

The McDonough County Community Quality of Life (CQLC) Advisory Committee is seeking nominations for any McDonough County resident or organization who has contributed to maintaining or improving the quality and safety of life in McDonough County through their exceptional efforts during the Covid-19 pandemic.

[This award is for individuals or organizations who have never been a recipient of the CQLC's award in the past.

Nominations are now being accepted from residents, organizations, and businesses who believe this person or organization should be recognized during 2019-2020.

Submissions should be a one page typed narrative as to why this person/ organization deserves this award. Please include the nominees full name, e-mail, home address and phone number. Nominators please include your name, address, and telephone number for verification.

Deadline to submit nominations: Friday, July 17, 2020

The awards will be announced via social media Tuesday, September 22, 2020. Due to these unprecedented times, we will not be holding an in-person event.

Please submit nomination(s) to: Lorraine Epperson, 119 North Randolph Street, Macomb, IL 61455 or email John Meixner at jmeixner@roe26.net

For more information contact Lorraine Epperson at 309-833-4577 or email John Meixner at jmeixner@roe26.net

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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 affiliates with Blessing Health Systems

The McDonough District Hospital (MDH) Board of Directors has voted unanimously to sign an agreement to affiliate with Blessing Health System (BHS) in Quincy. The affiliation does not change ownership or management of MDH, but does provide MDH access to BHS resources not previously available.



MDH and BHS have worked together informally for years, including over the past year when cardiology and pulmonology clinics in Macomb staffed by BHS specialists were implemented to improve the health of the communities served. The agreement states that both parties desire to collaborate more formally and intentionally to combine their efforts to achieve savings that contribute to lower healthcare costs, explore enhancement of clinical programs and services that will improve access to and quality of healthcare provided to their patients, all while continuing to operate independently.

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.

For more information: www.cdc.gov/COVID19



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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 the following sites.

[Macomb Area Chamber](#)

[Illinois.gov](#)

[Small Business Administration](#)

Announcements & Opportunities

WIRC moves to larger location

The Western Illinois Regional Council (WIRC) has relocated to the former Modern Home building, located at 133 West Jackson Street in Macomb. The larger location will allow for a growing staff and more programs to benefit community needs. The clothing center will remain closed to the public until July 6 and will begin accepting donations at a later date. The food pantry is open Tues/Thurs/Fri from 8 am to 4 pm. Masks and social distancing are required.



The Tri-County Regional Collection Facility, formerly on Pearl Street, has now relocated to 129 West Jackson Street. The facility, which provides paint and electronics recycling services in Mercer, McDonough, and Warren counties, is open Tues.-Fri. from 9 am to 12:30 pm and the first Saturday of each month (excluding federal holidays) from 8 am to Noon.

[WIRC](#)

Sutton chosen to lead public transportation

The Western Illinois Regional Council (WIRC) and the City of Macomb have announced Lori Sutton as the new Transit Director for McDonough County Public Transportation (MCPT). Sutton is following in the footsteps of the late Nathan Cobb. In his absence, Suzan Nash has been serving as Interim Transit Director. Sutton, a Western Illinois University graduate, officially started her position as Transit Director on May 18, 2020.

The MCPT program provides mass transit options to the residents of McDonough County, including fixed-route service through Go West Transit and scheduled demand response service. The City of Macomb and Western Illinois University (Go West Transit) have partnered since 1999 to provide fare-free, fixed-route transportation to the WIU campus and Macomb community. Door-to-door pickup for seniors, the disabled, and others is available by reservation for a limited fare through MCPT's demand response service. For more information, call (309) 837-7433 or visit the MCPT website



MCPT

A new Macomb business

The Macomb Area Economic Development Corporation (MAEDCO) recently announced that Macomb is set to welcome Sport Clips Haircuts to the former Ponderosa property, located at 1736 East Jackson Street. The new business is tentatively scheduled to open late July or early August. Visit the MAEDCO website for more information.



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2020 Fireworks Display
Saturday, July 4, 2020

Rain Date: Sunday, July 5, 2020

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More Information: 309-575-3015
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7.1 ~~WIU COFAC Summerstage - ANNIE~~ CANCELLED

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To our friends and patrons of the Legacy Theater,

As spring moves into summer, those of us volunteering at The Legacy Theater in Carthage look ahead anxiously for the time that our doors can open, and great, live entertainment again thrills our audiences. As our region progresses through the Restore Illinois phases, we are planning for the future. You can be certain we intend to re-open, and will do so just as soon as it is safe for our patrons and performers.

The past few months have held much uncertainty, but one thing we know for sure, The Legacy Theater is important for our community.

The theater adds to the quality of life here in the tri states, and brings an economic boost to the entire area.

Like many of you, while our doors are closed, we've been making some improvements. You may remember last year our highly successful matching fund campaign was designated to new lights and sound equipment. Stage lights, spot lights, large video screens, speakers and sound equipment are being installed. When you come back, you will notice the difference.

With shows being canceled comes the loss of income from ticket sales, and yet many of our expenses are ongoing – utilities, maintenance, our part time staff, and deposits for future performers.

Friends, we need your help.

- If you have been missing shows, please consider the dollars you might have spent on tickets. Perhaps you want to give that amount as a donation?
- Do you have a regular plan of giving to the Legacy Theater? Now is a great time to follow that plan.
- Are you near the next level of giving? This could be the time to raise your star on our Donor Recognition Wall.

Helping The Legacy Theater is something positive you can do right now.

We were so excited about the performers we had planned for our 2020 schedule. The good news is that many of those shows have rescheduled for the coming year. The 2021 season is going to be jam packed with great performances!

While we are still unsure when we can re-open the theater, we are certain that day will come. Until then – stay well, remain positive, and take care of those you love.

Doug Groth, Chairman
The Legacy Theater Foundation Board

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The YMCA of McDonough County in Macomb is open and excited to see their members. Please remember, the YMCA is open for members only who are 16 and older. Everyone must sign the COVID 19 Waiver electronically online at www.macombymca.org. An adult will need to sign for those 17 and younger. You will need your barcode (the number on your scan tag) and your last name. Please sign prior to visiting the YMCA. Youth sports will also resume with new safety rules in place. View the website for full scheduling. Please call the YMCA at 309-833-2129 if you have any questions. We invite you to please watch this Reopening Walkthrough Video to see the new guidelines.





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Western Illinois University

WIU prepares for Fall semester

Western Illinois University plans to welcome students and staff to campus this fall with some adjustments to ensure proper social distancing as well as safety measures to limit exposure and person-to-person contact. The university has created a dedicated webpage, which will be continually updated, to provide information related to the process and procedures of operation for the fall 2020 semester.



University Updates

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.

WIU

A message from Interim President Martin Abraham:

Dear Black Students, Faculty, Staff, Alumni & Allies,

Last week, I, along with WIU Trustee Doug Shaw, met virtually with Black Student Association Executive Board Members Shakyria Bailey, Danielle Hughes and Briana Cross. I'd like to thank Shakyria, Danielle and Briana for having a frank and open discussion with us and for putting forth a lot of questions and suggestions. We discussed the comments that have been posted on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook. I thank you for speaking up and sharing your painful experiences. We developed some immediate action items, and will continue to work with BSA leadership and other student organizations on longer term activities and to ensure we stay focused on working to make WIU better and a place in which you will be proud.



At the June Board of Trustees meeting, and at last Monday's Macomb City Council meeting, I presented remarks <https://www.tspr.org/.../wiu-interim-president-local-racial-issues-we-mu.../> about the challenges our Black students, faculty, staff, alumni and guests face on campus and in the community. I shared some of your tweets, comments, and emails to

illustrate the anti-Black sentiments you have felt, heard and experienced. I will continue to speak out. I will not be complicit. I will not be silent. You deserve better.

While there are some who will deny that systemic racism exists in our community and at WIU, there are many more who are committed to righting the wrongs and working hard to educate others and address systemic racism. I will not sit back and allow racism to exist in the shadows. I will continue to put students' interests first.

One of my initial goals was to put programs into place for our diverse campus population and to further diversify our University. I appointed an Assistant to the President for Diversity, Dr. Sterling Saddler. We modified our hiring practices last year to enhance inclusivity and to increase diversity among applicants. We organized training activities for our faculty and staff in January, and brought them together again to discuss Ibram Kendi's book, "How to be an Antiracist." We have begun the process, but we have a long way to go.

Some of our immediate next orders of business will be to put into place enhanced training programs for our faculty and staff, including student employees and resident assistants, change the funding structure for our student organizations to ensure equitable distributions, and improve our reporting system for incidents of harassment, discrimination and other policy violations. I have initiated conversations with our Office of Public Safety to discuss our practices and determine how our police actions are impacted by anti-Black racism. These actions are still not enough. Our work is ongoing and evolving. WIU will do better; I will do better.

I welcome your ideas, your thoughts, your issues and your concerns. I want to do the best I can for our students. You can always email me at President@wiu.edu. Thank you again for sharing your experiences. I look forward to working with our students, faculty, staff, alumni and community members as we work to make WIU and Macomb a place where our students feel welcomed and safe.

Sincerely,

Martin Abraham
Interim President

Email



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, 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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Macomb Public Schools

June 19, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I want to take this opportunity to update you concerning our plans for reopening schools in the fall. While we do not have specific guidance from the State, we have been busy considering the three options we believe are possible. Opening completely, online only as we did in the spring or a hybrid model. At this time, we believe a hybrid is the most likely as the current models being recommended still require social distancing which would not be possible with all our students onsite.



In the hybrid model students would come for face to face instruction twice a week while attending online for homework completion three days per week. We are currently considering the pros and cons of half the students attending two days in a row or having half of the students attending on Mondays and Wednesdays and the other half on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

As part of this planning we have determined the importance of every child having their own device. We have purchased enough devices to have one per student delivered home as we did in the spring. In addition, we are developing short tutorials ranging from turning

the laptops on to advancing to uploading assignments and fully participating in Microsoft Teams with the teachers. These mini lessons will be posted on our website and will begin next week so we can all prepare slowly together throughout the summer months. While news surrounding the reopening of schools changes often, I will work to keep you informed throughout the process. For now, enjoy the summer with your children and watch for our supportive tutorials to help ensure we are all prepared when school resumes in the fall.

Sincerely,

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