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RE: Region 9 (Lake and McHenry Counties) New COVID-19 Mitigation

On October 28, 2020 Governor Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) announced that mitigations will be implemented in Lake County and McHenry Counties beginning October 31, 2020.

As of October 26, 2020, the region's COVID-19 testing positivity rate is 8.7%. Region 9 has seen a 7-day rolling average test positivity rate of 8 percent or above for three consecutive days, which exceed the thresholds set for establishing mitigation measures under the state's Restore Illinois Resurgence Plan.

Mitigation measures are strategies, such as restrictions on certain activities, put in place to slow the spread of COVID-19. Region 9 restrictions will remain in effect until the region's positivity rate averages less than or equal to 6.5% over a 3-day period. IDPH will continue to track the positivity rate in Region 9 in the coming days to determine if mitigations can be relaxed, if additional mitigations are required, or if current mitigations should remain in place.

The Lake County Health Department (LCHD) will respond to violations of the state mitigation measures. Failure to comply may result in fines and/or suspension of the bar or restaurants operating permit. **Complaints should be filed on the website:**
<https://www.lakecountyiil.gov/FormCenter/Health-Department-12/Report-an-Environmental-Heath-Concern-133>
or by calling 847-377-8020.

The new State imposed mitigation measures taking effect October 31 in Lake County include:

Bars

- No indoor service
- All outside bar service closes at 11:00 p.m.
- All bar 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
- Reservations required for each party
- No seating of multiple parties at one table

Restaurants

- No indoor dining or bar service
- All outdoor dining closes at 11:00 p.m.

- Outside dining tables should be 6 feet apart
- No standing or congregating indoors or outdoors while waiting for a table or exiting
- Reservations required for each party
- No seating of multiple parties at one table

Everyone should continue to follow the 3 Ws to slow the spread of COVID-19:

- Wear a mask
- Wash your hands
- Watch your distance

To view the North Suburban Region 9 metrics on the Illinois Department of Public Health website, visit <http://www.dph.illinois.gov/regionmetrics> and select Region 9. Metrics are updated daily, including testing positivity rates, hospital admissions, and hospital capacity.

For trusted information on the COVID-19 pandemic from reputable state and federal sources, visit the [State of Illinois](#), [Illinois Department of Public Health](#), and [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) websites.