



## Pritzker Issues Modified Stay-at-Home Order

Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker announced a modified extension of his stay-at-home order on April 23.

While the Governor has yet to announce any plans for a regional re-opening of the state's economy, his modified stay-at-home order does include several recommendations from Senate Republicans such as resuming elective surgeries and allowing some parks and some businesses to re-open.

The revised order will take effect on May 1 and stay in place until the end of May.

*Revised provisions include:*

### Outdoor Recreation

- State Parks will begin phased re-opening on May 1. More details on which parks will re-open are available at the Illinois Department of Natural Resources website.
- Fishing and boating in groups of no more than two people will be allowed.
- Golf will be permitted under strict safety and social distancing guidelines provided by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

### New Essential Businesses

- Greenhouses, garden centers, and nurseries may re-open.
- Customers and employees must wear a face covering.
- Animal grooming services may re-open.

### Non-Essential Retail

- Retail stores designated non-essential businesses may re-open to fulfill telephone and online orders through pick-up and delivery.

### Face Coverings

- Individuals will be required to wear a face-covering or mask in public places where they cannot maintain a six-foot social distance.
- Face-coverings will be required in indoor public spaces, such as stores.
- This requirement applies to all individuals over the age of two who can medically tolerate a face-covering.

#### Essential Businesses and Manufacturing

- Essential businesses and manufacturers will be required to provide face-coverings to employees who are not able to maintain social-distancing.
- These businesses must also follow new requirements to maximize social distancing and prioritize the well-being of employees and customers.
- This includes occupancy limits and precautions such as staggering shifts and operating only essential manufacturing lines.

#### Schools

- Educational institutions can establish procedures to pick up necessary supplies and student belongings.
- Dormitory move-outs must follow public health guidelines, including social distancing.

Additionally, the Illinois Department of Public Health will be issuing guidance to surgery centers and hospitals to allow for certain elective surgeries for non-life-threatening conditions starting on May 1.

Certain criteria will be laid out that facilities must meet, including having proper PPE, ensuring enough space remains available for COVID-19 patients, and testing elective surgery patients to ensure they do not have COVID-19.



## Other News

### ***New Stimulus Bills Passes in Congress***

This week, Congress passed a nearly \$500 billion bill that includes additional money for the small-business loan program, as well as for hospitals and testing.

The bill includes more than \$320 billion for the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) created by the CARES Act, which was passed last month.

The program provides forgivable loans to small businesses that keep their employees on the payroll. The program quickly ran out of funds due to its high demand.

About \$60 billion of the additional PPP funding will be set aside for businesses that do not have established banking relationships, such as rural and minority-owned companies.

The bill would also provide \$60 billion in loans and grants for the Small Business Administration's disaster relief fund, \$75 billion for hospitals and \$25 billion for coronavirus testing.

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