



**Village of Bedford Park  
Board Briefs  
May 11, 2020**

*“Preserving the past to enhance the future”*

**Park District Consolidation/Event Center**

Construction on the Event Center will begin in about two weeks. The Board accepted bids on the first phase of construction. We are ending the attempt to consolidate with the Park District. We greatly appreciate the efforts of Kathy Taloff in helping us plan the center. A letter on the subject is attached.

**Residential Traffic/Parking/Property Maintenance/Social Distancing**

With the nice weather approaching, more children will be playing outside. Please be careful when driving on the residential streets. We are receiving complaints on vehicles speeding and blowing through stop signs. The police will cite anyone not following traffic laws. We added speed bumps on 66<sup>th</sup> PL on a trial basis to help with the problem. We are also looking at flashing lights on our stop signs. Parking standards are being enforced. Because of the closure of the Secretary of State facilities, new residents can sign up for visitor passes until they can receive proper proof of registration to apply for Village vehicle stickers. Please contact the Police Department's non-emergency line (708) 458-3388 for visitor passes.

Citations have been given to homeowners that are in violation of village ordinances for property upkeep. At the moment, the adjudication courts are closed until at least June 2020. These citations will eventually be enforced. Any homeowners that owes any village fines will not receive their tax rebate until fines have been paid. With our new homes and the upkeep that the great majority of residents do on their homes, the Village continues to be attractable. Please continue to observe social distancing standards as outlined by the Governor's Orders. The police will enforce these standards. We greatly appreciate everyone's efforts on these matters. Attached is the Governor's Restore Plan for Illinois.

**Summer Tutoring Program**

The Village is offering a summer tutoring program for Village residential students to participate as tutors and to be tutored. The goal is help students for the instructional time they have missed due to the pandemic. Mary Bergman from Argo High School and Eva Manzke from Walker School will administer the program.

Students can apply by emailing [info@villageofbedfordpark.com](mailto:info@villageofbedfordpark.com) or contacting the Village Administrative Office. Additional information is attached.

### **Student Summer Employment**

Due to the social distancing standards outlined by the Governor, we are unsure at this time about the status of student summer employment. We might have to do a limited scheduled but will do our best to implement the program. Interested students can apply by emailing [info@villageofbedfordpark.com](mailto:info@villageofbedfordpark.com) to receive an application.

### **Memorial Day Remembrance/Village Picnic**

As a result of the pandemic, our annual Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony and the Village Picnic are cancelled. However, we would like to still recognize our veteran's during this upcoming Memorial Day by displaying a lawn sign in front of their home. Any veteran that would like to be recognized, please contact the Village Administrative office at (708) 458-2067 or email [info@villageofbedfordpark.com](mailto:info@villageofbedfordpark.com).

### **U.S. Census 2020**

The U.S. Census has been ongoing. Every household should have received information on how to fill out the form online or by mail. Please take this time to fill out the U.S. Census. This helps our community receive the proper count for services and funding for parks, schools, roadwork, and other aspects for our community. More information and how to respond can be found on the U.S. Census website, visit [www.2020census.gov](http://www.2020census.gov).

### **Graduating Seniors**

As a result of the Governor's Orders to stay home, classes have been cancelled. The Village would like to congratulate any graduating senior by displaying a lawn sign in front of your home. Parents please contact the Village Administrative office at (708) 458-2067 or email [info@villageofbedfordpark.com](mailto:info@villageofbedfordpark.com) if you would like to participate.

***Stay Healthy!***

***Thanks for your patience and cooperation!***

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**May 11, 2020**

**Dear Residents of Bedford Park and Bridgeview Gardens:**

The Village of Bedford Park is withdrawing our support for the consolidation between the Village of Bedford Park and the Bedford Park District. The reasons for our withdrawal are as follows:

- 1) We are ready to begin construction on the Event Center and have our management team in place; and
- 2) Lack and delay of financial records from the Park District to the Village and State Comptroller.

With construction on the Event Center set to begin in the next couple of weeks and the financial aspects of the project structured, we have been advised not to continue with the consolidation process with the Park District because we are unable to verify and evaluate their past financial reports. If the financial data had been completed and verified to be acceptable, the consolidation would probably have been completed by now. The recent bequest that the Park District has received will certainly help them financially. But there is no way for our financial people to accurately verify their operating budget and how it will impact the Village without the completed audits due to the State Comptroller. The delay to the State Comptroller of the first audit existed before the consolidation process began and has built up in the past two years. We know that the Park District has been and continues to work to complete these reports and we have offered to help, but we need to move ahead.

We understand that the voters from both the Village and Bridgeview Gardens did vote in favor of the consolidation. However, we feel that stopping the consolidation is in everyone's best interest. The Park District can continue to run the quality

programs that they provide, and the Village can move ahead with our projects. We appreciate the efforts from Executive Director Kathy Taloff on the Event Center. We have notified our Legislative leaders to pull the request for the consolidation between the Village of Bedford Park and the Bedford Park District from the agenda in Springfield.

Respectfully,

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# RESTORE ILLINOIS

**A Public Health Approach To Safely Reopen Our State**



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# RESTORE ILLINOIS

A Public Health Approach To Safely Reopen Our State

Phase 1 Rapid Spread	Phase 2 Flattening	Phase 3 Recovery	Phase 4 Revitalization	Phase 5 Illinois Restored
<p>Strict stay at home and social distancing guidelines are put in place, and only essential businesses remain open.</p> <p>Every region has experienced this phase once already and could return to it if mitigation efforts are unsuccessful.</p>	<p>Non-essential retail stores reopen for curb-side pickup and delivery.</p> <p>Illinoisans are directed to wear a face covering when outside the home and can begin enjoying additional outdoor activities like golf, boating &amp; fishing while practicing social distancing.</p>	<p>Manufacturing, offices, retail, barbershops and salons can reopen to the public with capacity and other limits and safety precautions.</p> <p>Gatherings of 10 people or fewer are allowed.</p> <p>Face coverings and social distancing are the norm.</p>	<p>Gatherings of 50 people or fewer are allowed, restaurants and bars reopen, travel resumes, child care and schools reopen under guidance from the Illinois Department of Public Health.</p> <p>Face coverings and social distancing are the norm.</p>	<p>The economy fully reopens with safety precautions continuing.</p> <p>Conventions, festivals and large events are permitted, and all businesses, schools and places of recreation can open with new safety guidance and procedures.</p>

<p><b>New case growth slows</b></p> <p><b>Surge hospital capacity</b></p> <p><b>10,000 tests per day statewide</b></p> <p><b>Testing for any symptomatic health care workers and first responders</b></p>	<p><b>Case positivity rate and hospital capacity benchmarks met</b></p> <p><b>Testing for patients, health care workers and at-risk residents</b></p> <p><b>Begin contact tracing and monitoring within 24 hours of diagnosis</b></p>	<p><b>Case positivity rate and hospital capacity benchmarks met</b></p> <p><b>Testing available regardless of symptoms or risk factors</b></p> <p><b>Contact tracing within 24 hours of diagnosis for more than 90% of cases</b></p>	<p><b>Post-pandemic:</b></p> <p><b>Vaccine, effective and widely available treatment, or the elimination of new cases over a sustained period of time through herd immunity or other factors</b></p>
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## An Introduction



From the beginning of the new coronavirus pandemic, Illinois' response has been guided by data, science, and public health experts. As community spread rapidly increased, Governor Pritzker moved quickly to issue a Disaster Proclamation on March 9, restrict visitors to nursing homes on March 11, close bars and restaurants for on-site consumption on March 16, move schools to remote learning on March 17, and issue a Stay at Home order on March 21. This virus has caused painful, cascading consequences for everyone in Illinois, but the science has been clear: in the face of a new coronavirus with unknown characteristics and in the absence of widespread testing availability and contact tracing, mitigation and maintaining a 6-foot social distance have been the only options to reduce the spread and save as many lives as possible.

Millions of Illinoisans working together by staying at home and following experts' recommendations have proven these mitigation and social distancing measures effective so far. The result has been a lower infection rate, fewer hospitalizations, and lower number of fatalities than projected without these measures. Our curve has begun to flatten. Nevertheless, the risk of spread remains, and modeling and data point to a rapid surge in new cases if all mitigation measures were to be immediately lifted.

Now that Illinois is bending the curve, it is vitally important that we follow a safe and deliberate path forward to get our Illinois economy moving. That path forward is not what everyone wants or hopes for, but it will keep Illinoisans as safe as possible from this virus as our economy is reopening.

**Restore Illinois is about saving lives and livelihoods.** This five-phased plan will reopen our state, guided by health metrics and with distinct business, education, and recreation activities characterizing each phase. This is an initial framework that will likely be updated as research and science develop and as the potential for treatments or vaccines is realized. The plan is based upon regional healthcare availability, and it recognizes the distinct impact COVID-19 has had on different regions of our state as well as regional variations in hospital capacity. The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) has 11 Emergency Medical Services Regions that have traditionally guided its statewide public health work and will continue to inform this reopening plan. For the purposes of this plan, from those 11, four health regions are established, each with the ability to independently move through a phased approach: Northeast Illinois; North-Central Illinois; Central Illinois; and Southern Illinois.

The five phases for each health region are as follows:

**Phase 1 – Rapid Spread:** The rate of infection among those tested and the number of patients admitted to the hospital is high or rapidly increasing. Strict stay at home and social distancing guidelines are put in place and only essential businesses remain open. Every region has experienced this phase once already, and could return to it if mitigation efforts are unsuccessful.

**Phase 2 – Flattening:** The rate of infection among those tested and the number of patients admitted to the hospital beds and ICU beds increases at an ever slower rate, moving toward a flat and even a downward trajectory. Non-essential retail stores reopen for curbside pickup and delivery. Illinoisans are directed to wear a face covering when outside the home and can begin enjoying additional outdoor activities like golf, boating and fishing while practicing social distancing. To varying degrees, every region is experiencing flattening as of early May.

**Phase 3 – Recovery:** The rate of infection among those surveillance tested, the number of patients admitted to the hospital, and the number of patients needing ICU beds is stable or declining. Manufacturing, offices, retail, barbershops and salons can reopen to the public with capacity and other limits and safety precautions. Gatherings limited to 10 people or fewer are allowed. Face coverings and social distancing are the norm.

**Phase 4 – Revitalization:** The rate of infection among those surveillance tested and the number of patients admitted to the hospital continues to decline. Gatherings of 50 people or fewer are allowed, restaurants and bars reopen, travel resumes, child care and schools reopen under guidance from the Illinois Department of Public Health. Face coverings and social distancing are the norm.

**Phase 5 – Illinois Restored:** With a vaccine or highly effective treatment widely available or the elimination of any new cases over a sustained period, the economy fully reopens with safety precautions continuing. Conventions, festivals and large events are permitted, and all businesses, schools and places of recreation can open with new safety guidance and procedures in place reflecting the lessons learned during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Until COVID-19 is defeated, this plan also recognizes that just as health metrics will tell us it is safe to move forward, health metrics may also tell us to return to a prior phase. With a vaccine or highly effective treatment not yet available, IDPH will be closely monitoring key metrics to immediately identify trends in cases and hospitalizations to determine whether a return to a prior phase may become necessary.

***All public health criteria included in this document are subject to change.  
As research and data on this novel coronavirus continue to develop, this plan  
can and will be updated to reflect the latest science and data.***



## RESTORE ILLINOIS HEALTH REGIONS



## Phase 1: Rapid Spread

### WHAT THIS PHASE LOOKS LIKE

COVID-19 is rapidly spreading. The number of COVID-19 positive patients in the hospital, in ICU beds, and on ventilators is increasing. The public health response relies on dramatic mitigation measures, like stay at home orders and social distancing, to slow the spread of the virus and prevent a surge that overwhelms the health care system. With a Stay at Home order in place, only essential businesses are in operation and activities outside of the home are limited to essentials, like grocery shopping.

### WHAT'S OPEN?

**Gatherings:** Essential gatherings, such as religious services, of 10 or fewer allowed; No non-essential gatherings of any size

**Travel:** Non-essential travel discouraged

**Health care:** Emergency procedures and COVID-19 care only

**Education and child care:** Remote learning in P-12 schools and higher education; Child care in groups of 10 or fewer for essential workers

**Outdoor recreation:** Walking, hiking and biking permitted; State parks closed

#### **Businesses:**

- **Manufacturing:** Essential manufacturing only
- **"Non-essential" businesses:** Employees of "non-essential" businesses are required to work from home except for Minimum Basic Operations
- **Bars and restaurants:** Open for delivery, pickup and drive-through only
- **Entertainment:** Closed
- **Personal care services and health clubs:** Closed
- **Retail:** Essential stores are open with strict restrictions; Non-essential stores are closed

### HOW WE MOVE TO THE NEXT PHASE

#### **Cases and Capacity:**

- Slowing of new case growth
- Availability of surge capacity in adult medical and surgical beds, ICU beds, and ventilators

#### **Testing:**

- Ability to perform 10,000 tests per day statewide
- Testing available in region for any symptomatic health care workers and first responders

## Phase 2: Flattening

### WHAT THIS PHASE LOOKS LIKE

The rise in the rate of infection is beginning to slow and stabilize. Hospitalizations and ICU bed usage continue to increase but are flattening, and hospital capacity remains stable. Face coverings must always be worn when social distancing is not possible. Testing capacity increases and tracing programs are put in place to contain outbreaks and limit the spread.

### WHAT'S OPEN

**Gatherings:** Essential gatherings, such as religious services, of 10 or fewer allowed; No non-essential gatherings

**Travel:** Non-essential travel discouraged

**Health care:** Emergency and COVID-19 care continue; Elective procedures allowed once IDPH criteria met

**Education and child care:** Remote learning in P-12 schools and higher education; Child care in groups of 10 or fewer for essential workers

**Outdoor recreation:** Walking, hiking, and biking permitted; Select state parks open; Boating and fishing permitted; Golf courses open; All with IDPH approved safety guidance

#### **Businesses:**

- **Manufacturing:** Essential manufacturing only
- **"Non-essential" businesses:** Employees of "non-essential" businesses are required to work from home except for Minimum Basic Operations
- **Bars and restaurants:** Open for delivery, pickup, and drive through only
- **Personal care services and health clubs:** Closed
- **Retail:** Essential stores are open with restrictions; Non-essential stores open for delivery and curbside pickup

### HOW WE MOVE TO THE NEXT PHASE

**Cases and Capacity:** The determination of moving from Phase 2 to Phase 3 will be driven by the COVID-19 positivity rate in each region and measures of maintaining regional hospital surge capacity. This data will be tracked from the time a region enters Phase 2, onwards.

- At or under a 20 percent positivity rate and increasing no more than 10 percentage points over a 14-day period, AND
- No overall increase (i.e. stability or decrease) in hospital admissions for COVID-19-like illness for 28 days, AND
- Available surge capacity of at least 14 percent of ICU beds, medical and surgical beds, and ventilators

**Testing:** Testing available for all patients, health care workers, first responders, people with underlying conditions, and residents and staff in congregate living facilities

**Tracing:** Begin contact tracing and monitoring within 24 hours of diagnosis

### WHAT COULD CAUSE US TO MOVE BACK

IDPH will closely monitor data and receive on-the-ground feedback from local health departments and regional healthcare councils and will recommend moving back to the previous phase based on the following factors:

- Sustained rise in positivity rate
- Sustained increase in hospital admissions for COVID-19 like illness
- Reduction in hospital capacity threatening surge capabilities
- Significant outbreak in the region that threatens the health of the region

## Phase 3: Recovery

### WHAT THIS PHASE LOOKS LIKE

The rate of infection among those surveillance tested is stable or declining. COVID-19-related hospitalizations and ICU capacity remains stable or is decreasing. Face coverings in public continue to be required. Gatherings of 10 people or fewer for any reason can resume. Select industries can begin returning to workplaces with social distancing and sanitization practices in place. Retail establishments reopen with limited capacity, and select categories of personal care establishments can also begin to reopen with social distancing guidelines and personal protective equipment. Robust testing is available along with contact tracing to limit spread and closely monitor the trend of new cases.

### WHAT'S OPEN

**Gatherings:** All gatherings of 10 people or fewer are allowed with this limit subject to change based on latest data & guidance

**Travel:** Travel should follow IDPH and CDC approved guidance

**Health Care:** All health care providers are open with DPH approved safety guidance

**Education and child care:** Remote learning in P-12 schools and higher education; Limited child care and summer programs open with IDPH approved safety guidance

**Outdoor recreation:** State parks open; Activities permitted in groups of 10 or fewer with social distancing

#### Businesses:

- **Manufacturing:** Non-essential manufacturing that can safely operate with social distancing can reopen with IDPH approved safety guidance
- **"Non-essential" businesses:** Employees of "non-essential" businesses are allowed to return to work with IDPH approved safety guidance depending upon risk level, tele-work strongly encouraged wherever possible; Employers are encouraged to provide accommodations for COVID-19-vulnerable employees
- **Bars and restaurants:** Open for delivery, pickup, and drive through only
- **Personal care services and health clubs:** Barbershops and salons open with IDPH approved safety guidance; Health and fitness clubs can provide outdoor classes and one-on-one personal training with IDPH approved safety guidance
- **Retail:** Open with capacity limits and IDPH approved safety guidance, including face coverings

### HOW WE MOVE TO THE NEXT PHASE

**Cases and Capacity:** The determination of moving from Phase 3 to Phase 4 will be driven by the COVID-19 positivity rate in each region and measures of maintaining regional hospital surge capacity. This data will be tracked from the time a region enters Phase 3, onwards.

- At or under a 20 percent positivity rate and increasing no more than 10 percentage points over a 14-day period, AND
- No overall increase (i.e. stability or decrease) in hospital admissions for COVID-19-like illness for 28 days, AND
- Available surge capacity of at least 14 percent of ICU beds, medical and surgical beds, and ventilators

**Testing:** Testing available in region regardless of symptoms or risk factors

**Tracing:** Begin contact tracing and monitoring within 24 hours of diagnosis for more than 90% of cases in region

### WHAT COULD CAUSE US TO MOVE BACK

IDPH will closely monitor data and receive on-the-ground feedback from local health departments and regional healthcare councils and will recommend moving back to the previous phase based on the following factors:

- Sustained rise in positivity rate
- Sustained increase in hospital admissions for COVID-19 like illness
- Reduction in hospital capacity threatening surge capabilities
- Significant outbreak in the region that threatens the health of the region

## Phase 4: Revitalization

### WHAT THIS PHASE LOOKS LIKE

There is a continued decline in the rate of infection in new COVID-19 cases. Hospitals have capacity and can quickly adapt for a surge of new cases in their communities. Additional measures can be carefully lifted allowing for schools and child care programs to reopen with social distancing policies in place. Restaurants can open with limited capacity and following strict public health procedures, including personal protective equipment for employees. Gatherings with 50 people or fewer will be permitted. Testing is widely available, and tracing is commonplace.

### WHAT'S OPEN

**Gatherings:** Gatherings of 50 people or fewer are allowed with this limit subject to change based on latest data and guidance

**Travel:** Travel should follow IDPH and CDC approved guidance

**Health care:** All health care providers are open

**Education and child care:** P-12 schools, higher education, all summer programs, and child care open with IDPH approved safety guidance

**Outdoor Recreation:** All outdoor recreation allowed

#### **Businesses:**

- **Manufacturing:** All manufacturing open with IDPH approved safety guidance
- **"Non-essential" businesses:** All employees return to work with IDPH approved safety guidance; Employers are encouraged to provide accommodations for COVID-19-vulnerable employees
- **Bars and restaurants:** Open with capacity limits and IDPH approved safety guidance
- **Personal care services and health clubs:** All barbershops, salons, spas and health and fitness clubs open with capacity limits and IDPH approved safety guidance
- **Entertainment:** Cinema and theaters open with capacity limits and IDPH approved safety guidance
- **Retail:** Open with capacity limits and IDPH approved safety guidance

### HOW WE MOVE TO THE NEXT PHASE

**Post-pandemic:** Vaccine, effective and widely available treatment, or the elimination of new cases over a sustained period of time through herd immunity or other factors.

### WHAT COULD CAUSE US TO MOVE BACK

IDPH will closely monitor data and receive on-the-ground feedback from local health departments and regional healthcare councils and will recommend moving back to the previous phase based on the following factors:

- Sustained rise in positivity rate
- Sustained increase in hospital admissions for COVID-19 like illness
- Reduction in hospital capacity threatening surge capabilities
- Significant outbreak in the region that threatens the health of the region



## **Phase 5: Illinois Restored**

### **WHAT THIS PHASE LOOKS LIKE**

Testing, tracing and treatment are widely available throughout the state. Either a vaccine is developed to prevent additional spread of COVID-19, a treatment option is readily available that ensures health care capacity is no longer a concern, or there are no new cases over a sustained period. All sectors of the economy reopen with new health and hygiene practices permanently in place. Large gatherings of all sizes can resume. Public health experts focus on lessons learned and building out the public health infrastructure needed to meet and overcome future challenges. Health care equity is made a priority to improve health outcomes and ensure vulnerable communities receive the quality care they deserve.

### **WHAT'S OPEN**

- All sectors of the economy reopen with businesses, schools, and recreation resuming normal operations with new safety guidance and procedures.
- Conventions, festivals, and large events can take place.



# Summer Tutoring Program /Summer Jobs

- Hire Bedford Park students to tutor younger residential students to enrich their knowledge in subjects that were effected by their lost instructional time. Tutors would be paid \$20 an hour with possibly a max work time of 40 hrs. We probably need about 6 to 10 tutors. Mary Bergman from Argo and Eva Manzke from Walker would coordinate the lessons for the students with their teachers at the schools, including possibly private school students. They would be hired as independent consultants at \$2,000 to \$3,000 for the summer. They would pick the tutors and assign lessons, tutors and time of the sessions.
- Parents would sign their students up for the sessions.
- Sessions would take place on-line by GoToMeeting, Zoom or Duo.
- Students not picked as tutors would be assigned work in the yards of seniors at a rate consistent with our current summer pay schedule. The schedules might be adjusted with shifts to fit social distancing standards.
- Social Distancing standards would apply.
- If we can continue our normal summer help program, depending on social distancing standards, students that qualify for the above programs can do both programs.

