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Illinois expected to move into Phase 4 of recovery Friday

CHICAGO—Governor JB Pritzker on Monday released plans to continue reopening businesses and industries as Illinois moves into Phase 4 of the Restore Illinois plan. All four regions of the state are currently on track to move into Phase 4 on June 26 as the state continues to make significant progress in reducing new COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and deaths, with the average seven-day statewide case positivity rate falling to just 2.5 percent as of June 20.

Phase 4 allows for reopening or expansion of several key business segments, such as health and fitness, movies and theater, museums and zoos, as well as indoor dining at restaurants. Phase 4 also allows for expanded gathering sizes, increasing the limit from 10 in Phase 3, to 50 people or fewer. This expanded gathering limit extends to key activities like meetings, events, and funerals. For full guidance and other resources visit: Illinois.gov/businessguidelines.

Phase 4 of the Restore Illinois plan creates safety guidelines for the following permitted activities and businesses to resume, with capacity rules in place:

●**Meetings and events:** Venues and meeting spaces can resume with the lesser of up to 50 people OR 50% of overall room capacity. Multiple groups are permitted given facilities have space to appropriately social distance and limit interaction between groups. This includes activities such as conferences and weddings.

●**Indoor and Outdoor recreation:** Revised guidelines to allow select indoor recreation facilities (e.g., bowling alleys, skating rinks), as well as clubhouses to reopen. Indoor recreation to operate at lesser of 50 customers OR 50% of facility capacity with 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; concessions permitted with restrictions.

●**Indoor Dining:** Indoor dining can reopen with groups of 10 or less, with tables spaced 6-feet apart in seated areas and with standing areas at no more than 25%

of capacity.

●**Cinema and Theatre:** Indoor seated theaters, cinemas, and performing arts centers to allow admission of the lesser of up to 50 guests OR 50% of overall theater or performance space capacity (applies to each screening room); outdoor capacity limited to 20% of overall theater or performance space capacity; concessions permitted with restrictions.

●**Outdoor seated spectator events:** Outdoor spectator sports can resume with no more than 20% of seating capacity; concessions permitted with restrictions.

Industries with revised guidelines in Phase 4:

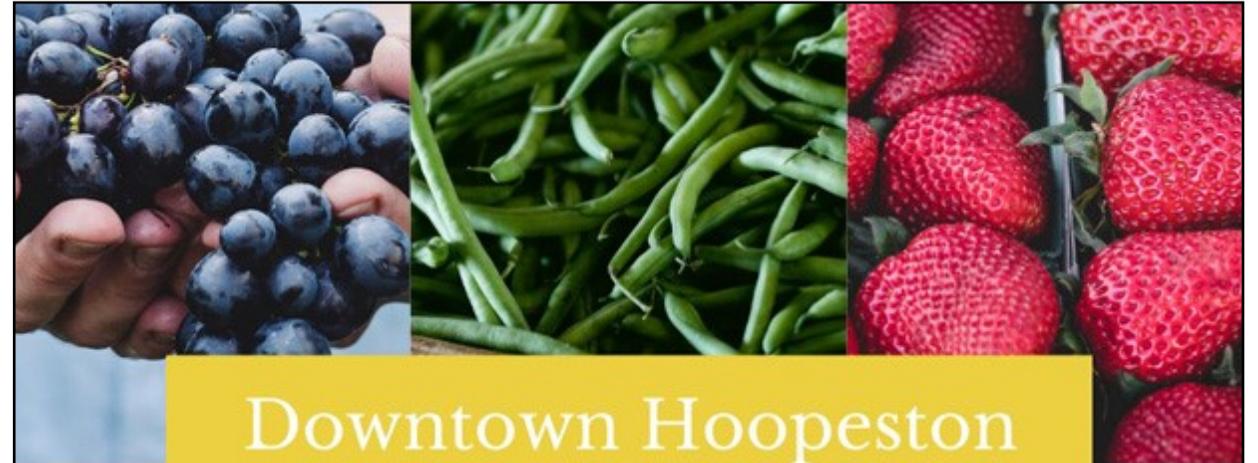
●**Youth and Recreational Sports:** Guidelines allow competitive gameplay and tournaments; youth and recreational sports venues can operate at 50% of facility capacity, 20% seating capacity for spectators, and group sizes up to 50 with multiple groups permitted during practice and competitive games given venues have space to appropriately social distance and can limit interaction between groups; concessions permitted with restrictions.

●**Health and fitness centers:** Guidelines allow gyms to open at 50% capacity and allow group fitness classes of up to 50 people with new safety guidelines for indoors, with multiple groups permitted given facilities have space to appropriately social distance and can limit interaction between groups.

Additionally, retail, service counters, offices, personal care (including salons, barber, nail salons), manufacturing and other industries allowed to reopen in Phase 3 will continue to operate at a reduced capacity.

During Phase 4, common public health standards remain in effect, including the use of face coverings and social distancing. Industry-specific guidelines may vary but are designed to help employers, workers and residents feel safe in transitioning to the next phase of reopening the state. All industries should continue to conduct regular cleanings, employee health screenings upon entry and mid-shift, and allow employees who can con-

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GEORGE SMITH

Academy of Dramatic Arts in New York City and, while studying at the Academy, was a classmate of Danny DeVito. He later received a degree in communications from

SMITH - George Sterling Smith, 74, of Attica, Ind., died at 5:32 a.m. Saturday, June 20, 2020 at home, surrounded by his family.

George was born in Savannah, Ga., on August 16, 1945, the son of the late George Edgar and Roselyn Elizabeth (Sterling) Smith. George grew up in Rye, NY, graduating from Port Chester High School in 1963. He later graduated from the American

From the Blotter

A boy's maroon bicycle was found at 9:30 a.m. Sunday at the former Honeywell Grade School. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

Alejandro Torres, 30, of Danville, was arrested after a traffic stop at 4:07 p.m. Sunday at Rt. 1 and Main. He was charged with driving while license suspended and released on a notice to appear in Vermilion County traffic court.

Timothy Anderson, 59, of Cissna Park, was arrested after a traffic stop Sunday at South Market and East Main. Wanted on an Iroquois County warrant, he was also charged with no valid Illinois drivers license, operating a vehicle with registration suspended and no insurance. He was taken to the Iroquois County Jail.

Phase 4 continued from other side

tinue working from home to do so.

The state's move to Phase 4 of the plan is expected to bring approximately 400,000 additional Illinoisans back to the workplace across all industries. It marks the return of 7 percent of the state's workforce, and about \$30 billion in annual GDP.

Weather

Slight chance of thunderstorms today. High 79. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 59. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 78, low 59.

For real time Hoopeston weather, visit justthefacts.net/weather/.

Obituaries

Boston University.

Following his education, George enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and served during the Vietnam War. At the time of his honorable discharge, George had attained the rank of Sergeant.

After the service, George entered the communications field with radio broadcasting. He worked as a radio engineer and announcer. He also operated a freelance advertisement agency. He worked at Mt. Vernon for WMIX Radio and later for WMLA Radio in Bloomington-Normal. After moving to Hoopeston, he began working for WHPO Radio until his retirement.

After his retirement he worked as a 911 radio dispatch operator for Hoopeston Police Department from 1993-2010. He also served as an Hoopeston auxiliary police

officer.

George enjoyed listening to music and playing the bass. His artistic abilities were to painting and drawing. He was an avid woodworker.

On April 26, 1987, George married Julie A. Wrigley in Hoopeston.

He leaves behind his wife of 33 years, Julie, along with two daughters, Jennifer (Martin) Massoff, Mt. Vernon, and Lisa (Steve) Foster, Fishers, Ind.; a son, Benjamin Smith of Tennessee; eight grandchildren. As per his request, cremation services will be accorded and a memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the ASPCA.

Maus Funeral Home, Attica, Ind., is handling arrangements.

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