

COVID-19 Update: May 6, 2021

Reminders: All previous bulletins and other resources listed at www.gpcovid.com. Send any questions to bizinfo@greaterpeoriaedc.org.

Illinois Entering “Bridge Phase” On Friday, May 14

The Illinois Department of Public Health will be easing restrictions on certain businesses and activities as the state moves into the “Bridge Phase” on May 14. The Bridge Phase is a half step between the current Phase 4 restrictions and Phase 5, where there are no restrictions at all. Below is a chart of areas impacted by the Bridge Phase. Businesses and activities not listed should follow Phase 4 guidelines. More information on all the restrictions of the Restore Illinois Plan can be found [here](#).

Setting	Bridge Phase Regulation
Amusement parks	60% capacity
Festivals and general admission outdoor spectator events	30 people per 1,000 sq. ft.
Flea and farmers markets	<i>Indoor:</i> 15 people per 1,000 sq. ft. <i>Outdoor:</i> 30 people per 1,000 sq. ft.
Meetings, conferences and conventions	Lesser of 1,000 people or 60% capacity
Museums	60% capacity
Recreation	<i>Indoor:</i> Lesser of 100 people or 50% capacity <i>Outdoor:</i> Maximum groups of 100; multiple groups permissible
Social events	<i>Indoor:</i> 250 people <i>Outdoor:</i> 500 people
Spectator events (ticketed and seated)	60% capacity
Theaters and performing arts	60% capacity
Zoos	60% capacity

Paycheck Protection Program Funds Exhausted

As of May 6, 2021, funding for the Paycheck Protection Program has been exhausted. The SBA will continue funding outstanding approved PPP applications, but new qualifying applications will only be funded through Community Financial Institutions, financial lenders who serve underserved communities.

SBA Now Accepting Restaurant Revitalization Fund Applications

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) began accepting applications on Monday, May 3, at 11 a.m. for the Restaurant Revitalization Fund (RRF). RRF is a \$28.6 billion federal program created by the American Rescue Plan that will assist eating and drinking establishments (i.e. bars, restaurants, food

truck operators, caterers) by replacing lost revenue in 2020. The online application will remain open to any eligible establishment until all funds are exhausted.

In preparation, the SBA recommends qualifying applicants familiarize themselves with the application process in advance to ensure a smooth and efficient application experience, specifically by:

- Reviewing the official guidance, including [program guide](#), [RRF knowledge base](#), and [application sample](#).
- Preparing the required documentation.
- Working with a point-of-sale vendor or visiting [sba.gov](#) to submit an application when the application portal opens.

While all eligible businesses can now apply, for the first 21 days that the program is open SBA will prioritize reviewing applications from small businesses owned by women, veterans, and socially and economically disadvantaged individuals. Applications submitted by other types of businesses during this period will not be reviewed until later in May. Full program information including eligibility, application procedures, qualified use of funds, etc. can be found [here](#).

Upcoming Vaccine Clinics

Wide vaccination adoption is the best way to ensure our economy can fully reopen. As of May 6, [only between 30 and 34%](#) (depending on county) of the citizens in Greater Peoria have been fully vaccinated. The Peoria City/County Health Department maintains a list of public vaccine clinics available in Peoria, Woodford and Tazewell counties [here](#). Upcoming clinics:

- May 7th 9 am - noon: Spring Bay Fire Department, Spring Bay (Moderna)
- May 7th 9 am - noon: Carpenters Local Union 237, East Peoria (Moderna)
- May 7th 8:30 am - 5:30 pm: Tazewell County Health Department, Pekin (Johnson & Johnson)
- May 8th 8:30 am - 5:30 pm: Tazewell County Health Department, Pekin (Johnson & Johnson)
- May 8th 10 am - 1 pm: Peoria Public Library Main Branch, Peoria (Moderna)
- May 9th 8:30 am - 5:30 pm: Tazewell County Health Department, Pekin (Johnson & Johnson)
- May 11th 9 am - noon: Illini Bluffs Elementary School Glasford (Johnson & Johnson)
- May 11th 3 pm - 7 pm: Bethel United Methodist Church, Peoria (Moderna)
- May 11th 9 am - 2 pm: El Paso Gridley High School, El Paso (Moderna)
- May 12th 9 am - noon: Sophia's Kitchen, Peoria (Johnson & Johnson)
- May 13th 3 pm - 7 pm: East Bluff Community Center, Peoria (Moderna)
- May 13th 4 pm - 7 pm: Pearce Community Center, Chillicothe (Johnson & Johnson)
- May 14th 9 am - noon: Greater Peoria YMCA, Peoria (Moderna)
- May 14th 9 am - 4 pm: CNH Industrial, Goodfield (Moderna)
- May 15th 10 am - 1 pm: First United Methodist Church, Peoria (Moderna)
- May 18th 3 pm - 7 pm: Landmark Recreation Center, Peoria (Moderna)
- May 19th 9 am - noon: Pentecostal Church of Jesus Christ, Peoria (Moderna)
- May 20th 3 pm - 7 pm: Itoo Hall, Bellevue (Moderna)
- May 22nd 10 am - 1 pm: First United Methodist Church, Peoria (Moderna)
- May 25th 3 pm - 7 pm: Limestone High School, Bartonville (Moderna)

Information on vaccine clinics organized by other county health departments can be found on their websites: [Logan](#), [Mason](#) (Facebook), [Fulton](#), [OSF Healthcare](#) and [UnityPoint Health](#) are also offering vaccines, including the Pfizer vaccine for 16 and 17 year olds. You can also schedule a vaccine through Heartland Health Services by calling (309) 680-7600. You can also find and schedule appointments at private pharmacies (anywhere in the US) using the [Vaccine Spotter website](#).