

COVID-19 Update: June 11, 2021

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

Phase 5 Starts Today - Friday, June 11: Guidance for Businesses and Venues:

This guidance replaces the industry-specific guidance that the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity published as part of the state's Restore Illinois plan. This guidance includes recommendations for all types of businesses and venues, customers, and employees in order to help maintain healthy environments and operations, as well as lower the risk of COVID-19 spread.

The following are recommended prevention strategies that recognize that while the state of Illinois has made substantial progress in vaccinating its residents, a number of individuals remain ineligible or have not yet chosen to be vaccinated. Consistent use of prevention strategies will help reduce the spread of COVID-19 and protect people who are not fully vaccinated, including customers, employees, and their families. As always, businesses and local municipalities may choose to implement additional prevention strategies as they deem appropriate.

- COVID-19 vaccines are safe, effective, and widely available across Illinois. Everyone aged 12 years and older should be [vaccinated](#) against COVID-19 as soon as possible to keep from getting and/or spreading COVID-19.
- For businesses and venues where everyone present is [fully vaccinated](#), the state does not require face coverings and social distancing in both indoor and outdoor settings. Businesses and municipalities are permitted to continue requiring face coverings and social distancing as they deem appropriate.
- For indoor businesses and venues where everyone present is not [fully vaccinated](#), unvaccinated persons should wear a face covering and maintain six feet social distance. Businesses and venues may continue to require face coverings and/or social distancing. At outdoor businesses and venues, unvaccinated persons may choose not to wear a face covering when able to maintain a six-foot social distance while outdoors, unless required to do so by a business or municipality.
- Although people who are fully vaccinated are not required to wear a face covering under state guidance, businesses and venues should be supportive of customers and employees who choose to wear a face covering.
- Persons who are immunocompromised should consider wearing face coverings when in settings where others may not be fully vaccinated.
- All unvaccinated persons should wear face coverings in crowded settings, both indoors and outdoors, especially when youth are present. See [CDC guidance](#) for further information.

- There are limited circumstances and settings where all individuals, including those who are fully vaccinated, must continue to wear a mask in accordance with [CDC guidance](#): (1) on public transportation, (2) in congregate facilities, (3) in health care settings, and where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance.
- Individuals in schools, day care settings, and educational institutions should continue to follow separate guidance issued by the Illinois State Board of Education, Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, and Illinois Department of Public Health.
- All businesses and venues should support social distancing to the extent possible, especially in indoor settings. Businesses and venues should apply best practices in managing distancing at such places as concessions/counters, public restrooms, and lines/queuing.
- This guidance will be updated as the CDC releases new recommendations and is meant to supplement any federal or local guidance, safety laws, rules, regulations or business safety policies that may expressly require a face covering and/or social distancing.
- Continue to consult the [CDC](#) and [IDPH](#) websites for updated resources, guidelines, and rules related to COVID-19 safety.

According to the Illinois Department of Public Health, all of Illinois will enter “Phase 5” of the Restore Illinois plan. In Phase 5, nearly all restrictions on commerce, such as occupancy limits in restaurants, are lifted. Businesses, schools, and recreation can resume normal operations with new safety guidelines and procedures. Conventions, festivals, and large events may take place. Fully vaccinated people can resume activities without wearing a mask except where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance. Regardless of vaccination status, masks will still be required on planes, buses, trains, and other forms of public transportation; in transportation hubs, such as airports and train and bus stations; in congregate facilities such as correctional facilities, veterans’ homes, and long-term care facilities, group homes, and residential facilities; and in healthcare settings. For more information on Phase 5, please visit the [State of Illinois Coronavirus Response](#) website. For more information, please view the [Phase 5 Guidelines for Businesses and Venues](#).

Restaurant Revitalization Fund Replenishment Act to be Introduced

The \$28.6 billion [Restaurant Revitalization Fund \(RRF\)](#) was established by the American Rescue Plan to help bars and restaurants recover from lost revenue in 2020. The program was incredibly popular and ran out of money within weeks of opening in early May. The SBA estimates that they need at least an additional \$50 billion just to fund the applications submitted before the application portal was closed. On Thursday, June 10 a bi-partisan group of senators and representatives will introduce the RRF Replenishment Act to direct an additional \$60 billion to the SBA to continue the program. More

information from the National Restaurant Association [here](#) (including a petition to voice support for the bill) and a short video update [here](#).

Upcoming Vaccine Clinics

Wide vaccination adoption is the best way to ensure our economy can fully reopen. As of May 18, [only about 42%](#) (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 (no appointments needed unless indicated; all three vaccines available at all each clinic):

- June 10th 3 - 7 pm: East Bluff Community Center, Peoria
- June 11th 9 am - noon: YMCA, Peoria
- June 12th 10 am - 1 pm: First United Methodist Church, Peoria
- June 12th 10 am - 5 pm: Pride Resource Fair in Detweiller Park, Peoria
- June 12th 5:30 - 8:30 pm: Peoria Chiefs Game, Peoria; Game ticket required.
- June 13th 12 - 4 pm: University United Methodist Church, Peoria Make appt [here](#).
- June 15th 3 - 7 pm: Landmark Recreation Center, Peoria
- June 16th 9 am - noon: Pentecostal Church of Jesus Christ, Peoria
- June 16th 12:30 - 2 pm: Southside Community Center's Juneteenth Celebration and Clinic, Peoria
- June 17th 9 am - noon: Sophia's Kitchen, Peoria
- June 17th 3 - 7 pm: ITOO Hall, Peoria
- June 19th 10 am - 1 pm: First United Methodist Church, Peoria
- June 19th 11 am - 6 pm: Juneteenth Fest at John Gwynn Park at Carver Center Clinic June 19th noon - 6 pm: Southside Community Center's Juneteenth Celebration

Vaccines are also available without an appointment Monday-Friday from 9 am to 4 pm at the Peoria City/County Health Department (Moderna, Johnson & Johnson). Tazewell County Health Department is [scheduling appointments](#) at their Broadway Clinic (Pekin) Monday through Friday 8:30 am - 6 pm as well as at their Tremont facility Monday through Friday from 9 am - 4:30 pm. They are also hosting a drive-thru clinic on June 10 at the Tazewell County Health Department in Tremont from 9 am to 4:30 pm (no appointment necessary). The Woodford County Health Department is [scheduling appointments](#) for three upcoming Johnson & Johnson clinics:

- June 18th 9 - 11 :30 am, Woodford County Health Dept (Eureka)

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](#).