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Suburban Cook County Moves to Tier 1 Mitigations on January 23

Restore Illinois Plan allows limited indoor service in restaurants and bars, other gatherings

Forest Park, IL—Today, Governor Pritzker announced that Region 10, which includes suburban Cook County, will be moving into Tier 1 mitigations beginning Saturday, January 23, 2021.

According to the Tier 1 Resurgence Mitigations of Restore Illinois, bars and restaurants may operate during the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. and indoor service must be limited to 25 people or 25 percent room capacity, whichever is less. Tables must be six feet apart, all patrons must be seated, and wear a mask when not eating. Indoor service is limited to two hours and parties must not be larger than four people.

For complete information on the Restore Illinois Mitigation Plan, including the guidelines for each Tier and Phase, visit: <https://illinoisgov.force.com/coronavirus/s/restore-illinois-mitigation-plan>.

“For months, residents and businesses in suburban Cook County have followed the guidelines and our move to Tier 1 reflects our patience and togetherness,” said Dr. Rachel Rubin, Senior Public Health Medical Officer and Co-Lead, Cook County Department of Public Health. “As we move forward, let us continue to walk together toward the light at the end of the tunnel. If we stay in step, we will get through this and return to normal more quickly.”

Additional Tier 1 guidelines include meetings and social events will be limited to 25 people or 25 percent of the room capacity. Organized sports must follow mitigation measures set forth by All Sport Guidelines for practices and competitions. Party busses are not allowed.

“We are moving in the right direction, but we must remain vigilant and continue to wear a mask, watch your distance, wash your hands and get vaccinated when you are eligible,” said Dr. Kiran Joshi, Senior Medical Officer and Co-Lead, Cook County Department of Public Health.

For the latest COVID-19 Vaccine Information in suburban Cook County, visit: <https://cookcountypublichealth.org/>.

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