Mitigation efforts coming to Will County

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The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) on Friday will implement Phase Three COVID-19 resurgence mitigations in Region 7, which includes the Will County portion of Tinley Park.

Region 7 is seeing a seven-day rolling average test positivity rate of 8 percent or more for three consecutive days, which exceeds the threshold set for establishing mitigation measures under the State's Restore Illinois Resurgence Plan.

As part of these mitigation measures, all restaurants and bars will be limited to outdoor service only and will close at 11 p.m. Additionally, gatherings will be limited to the lesser of 25 people or 25 percent of overall room capacity. These mitigations will not apply to schools.

The IDPH will continue to track the positivity rate in Region 7 to determine if mitigations can be relaxed, if additional mitigations are required, or if current mitigations should remain in place. If the positivity rate averages less than or equal to 6.5% for three consecutive days, then the region will return to Phase 4 mitigations under the Restore Illinois Plan. If the positivity rate averages between 6.5% and 8%, the new mitigations will remain in place and unchanged. If the positivity rate averages greater than or equal to 8% after 14 days, more stringent mitigations can be applied to further reduce spread of the virus.

Please refer to the <u>Restore Illinois plan</u> for more information.