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State of Illinois Announces BIG Grant Program

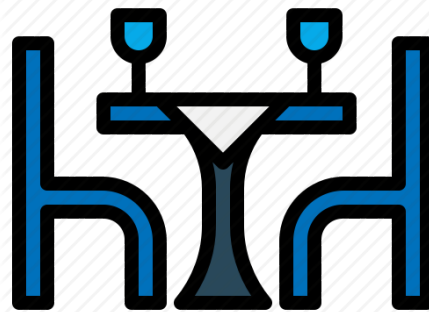
[The Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity](#) (DCEO)

announced the launch of its first round of Business Interruption Grants (BIG), which will provide \$60 million to businesses experiencing losses or business interruption as a result of COVID-19 related closures. The BIG Program is available for up to 3,500 Illinois businesses. **DCEO will accept applications from June 26th until 5:00 PM on July 7th**, and funds will be distributed in early July. [Learn more about BIG here.](#)



Phase 4 Dining

Phase 4 lifts additional restrictions on dining. Most notably, restaurants may now reopen for indoor service. Diners are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the [guidelines for indoor and outdoor dining](#) released by the State of Illinois, as well as the FAQ below. If your question is not answered below, please [email us](#).



Indoor & Outdoor Dining

Will the outdoor dining area in the Ravinia District remain open?

Yes, Roger Williams will continue to be closed between Burton and Pleasant to accommodate expanded outdoor dining for restaurants. A [map of the closure and the detour](#) is available on the City's website. Please continue to drive with caution.

Will the outdoor picnic areas remain available?

Yes, residents may continue to enjoy the [areas designated for picnicking](#) in Phase 3. Please adhere to social distancing requirements and dispose of all trash before leaving.

What is the limit on the number of people per dining group? Table service dining (indoor and outdoor) is limited to groups of ten individuals or fewer. Please note that this is a state requirement, and restaurants are unable to accommodate requests for larger dining groups.

What is the capacity limit for indoor dining?

Restaurants may operate indoor table service at 25% capacity, with social distancing measures in place. Restaurants are not required to reopen for indoor dining. Please call ahead to learn about dining options at your favorite local [restaurant](#).

What precautions will restaurants take to ensure safe service?

State guidelines encourage restaurant owners to ensure that all staff are trained on COVID-19 best practices. Staff should wear face coverings. A distance of six feet should be maintained between tables when chairs are pulled out. State guidelines also indicate that table presets (condiments, table tents, etc.) should be removed and disposable/single-use silverware, glassware, condiments and menus should be used wherever possible.

May clubhouses or other communal gathering places at indoor/outdoor recreational facilities reopen?

Yes, they may reopen with appropriate restrictions or requirements in place. Reopening is at the discretion of the business owner. Please call ahead to learn what new services may be offered by your club.

The State of Illinois provides more information about the [provisions and expansions of Phase 4](#), and [industry-specific guidelines](#) for reopening.



We're still in this together.

2020 Virtual 4th of July Celebration

How will you share your patriotic spirit this Independence Day weekend? Join Highland Park's virtual celebration by participating in the activities below!

- Send us a short video or photo sharing a patriotic message for our Virtual Parade, which will be presented on our social media on Saturday, July 4. Submit via this [form](#) or [email](#).
- Share your decorations! [Send us a photo](#) to share on social media.
- Sign up for the [virtual Firecracker 5K](#) event.
- Browse [photographs of parades from the past](#) in the Highland Park Historical Society's social distancing parade.
- Enjoy original music from the Bitter Jester Music Festival's [Original Song Contest finalists](#)! Voting via social media is still open, and the winner will be announced on July 4.



City Administrative Offices Closed July 3rd

City administrative offices will be closed on Friday, July 3 in observance of Independence Day. Should you need assistance, please contact Police Non-Emergency at 847.432.7730. As a reminder, the holiday will not impact regular refuse and recycling collection schedules this week. The Recycling Center at 1180 Half Day Road will be closed on Saturday, July 4.

PDHP Facility Update

The Park District of Highland Park has announced that many of its facilities are now open with public health guidelines in place. The Park District is maintaining a website page with [updated facility and program information](#). Please note that park bathrooms and water fountains remain closed until further notice. For questions pertaining to public parks, beaches, or swimming pools, please contact the Park District of Highland Park at 847.831.3810.

Recreation Center

The [Recreation Center of Highland Park](#) is now accepting online reservations in advance of its reopening on Monday, July 6. Online reservations are required for Fitness Floor access and group classes. Memberships remain on hold, but a nominal participation fee is required. PDHP will implement public health guidelines as recommended by the State of Illinois, including capacity limits, social distancing requirements, and equipment sanitization practices. Learn more about these [public health measures](#) on the Park District's [website](#).

PDHP Playgrounds

All Park District of Highland Park playgrounds are open except for Woodridge, Old Elm, and Deutsch Park playgrounds, which remain closed for maintenance.

Please follow these important guidelines when enjoying the Park District's playgrounds:

- State guidelines limit playground use to 50 people at any given time.
- Use hand sanitizer before and after each use. Playgrounds will not be sanitized.
- Maintain 6 ft. social distance from non-family members while playing.
- Face coverings are required when a 6 ft. distance from others cannot be maintained.
- Do not visit parks, playgrounds, or Park District facilities if you are experiencing symptoms consistent with COVID-19.

More information regarding playground use is available [here](#).

Additional Resources

Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity industry-specific guidelines and tool kits

COVID-19 Emergency Resources For Businesses - Illinois
Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity

Emergency Small Business Grant & Loan Assistance - Illinois
Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity

COVID -19 Small Business Survival Guide - Illinois Small
Business Development & International Trade Center

Illinois Department of Revenue Covid -19 Tax Relief

Illinois Department of Insurance (DOI)

Highland Park Chamber of Commerce COVID-19 Toolkit

Lake County Health Department

NorthShore University HealthSystem

Illinois Department of Public Health

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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**For more information on the City's response to COVID-19,
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