

State announces COVID-19 'Bridge Phase'

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Gov. J.B. Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) recently announced a new framework for Illinois to advance to Phase 5 of the state's [Restore Illinois Plan](#). In recognition of an increasing national vaccine supply and the state now averaging 100,000 vaccine administrations per day, all Illinois residents age 16 and older also will be eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine starting April 12.

These new metrics offer Illinois a bridge between the state's current Phase 4 restrictions and the "new normal" operations of Phase 5. This "Bridge Phase" will serve as a transition period with higher capacity limits and increased business operations. All regions of the state will move together through the Bridge Phase and ultimately to Phase 5. The state's mask mandate will continue in accordance with current CDC guidance.

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Tinley Park continues to see progress in its fight against the COVID-19 virus. As of last week, there were 51 cases reported in the Cook County portion of the village, and only two cases on the Will County side. Overall, the Cook County positivity rolling average is 3.9%, and the Will County positivity rolling average is 3.4%. Please note that the two counties use different reporting metrics, so these numbers aren't necessarily comparable to each other.