

## Illinois.gov COVID-19 Homepage:

For all things COVID-19 related in Illinois, visit <https://coronavirus.illinois.gov/>

This page includes:

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  - CDC Guidance
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- COVID-19 Contact Info
  - [Dph.sick@illinois.gov](mailto:Dph.sick@illinois.gov)
  - 1-800-889-3931
- Stream to Governor Pritzker's [Daily COVID-19 Update](#)
- Healthcare License Reinstatement Form
  - On the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation website, <https://www.idfpr.com/COVID-19.asp>
  - and on coronavirus.illinois.gov.
  - These applications will be processed on an expedited basis, waiving the fees as well

## COVID-19 Executive Orders (sorted by recency):

- [COVID-19 EO no. 12](#) (notary and witness guidelines)
- [COVID-19 EO no. 11](#) (suspends admissions to IDOC from County Jails)
- [COVID-19 EO no. 10](#) (suspends healthcare workers' background checks)
- [COVID-19 EO no. 9](#) (essential human services operations)
- [COVID-19 EO no. 8](#) (Stay At Home/Essential Businesses and Services) **\*\*see attachment as well\*\***
  - DCEO will be serving as the central hub for guidance on whether a business is deemed essential. Please feel free to direct questions to 1-800-252-2923 or [CEO.support@illinois.gov](mailto:CEO.support@illinois.gov).
- [COVID-19 EO no. 7](#) (Expanded Telehealth)
- [COVID-19 EO no. 6](#) (vehicle services)
- [COVID-19 EO no. 5](#) (food/beverage businesses, public/private gatherings expanded)
- [COVID-19 EO no. 4](#) (school closings)
- [COVID-19 EO no. 3](#) (school closings)
- [COVID-19 EO no. 2](#) (public/private gatherings)
- [COVID-19 EO no. 1](#) (Extending adult-use application deadlines)

## IDPH Resources

- COVID-19 Public Health [Homepage](#)
  - About COVID-19
  - Daily Press Releases
  - Families and Children Guidance
  - School and Business Guidance
- CDC COVID-19 [FAQs](#)
- IDPH has also established a POC for PPE donations, which is [PPE.Donations@illinois.gov](mailto:PPE.Donations@illinois.gov)

## DCEO Resources for Small Businesses:

- Newsletter/Alerts [sign up form](#)
- Business economic impact [data form](#)
- SBA Disaster Loan Assistance [webpage](#)

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#### IDES Resources:

- COVID-19 Unemployment Resources [Homepage](#)
- “[What to Know](#)” about Unemployment Insurance
- Illinois Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act (WARN) [Homepage](#)
- Rapid Response Services [Homepage](#)

#### Serve Illinois Volunteerism

- Serve Illinois, is in the process of providing CDC guidance to service organizations across the state, including:
  - daily health surveys and temperature checks for all volunteers and staff
  - the disinfecting of surfaces at each shift change
  - ensuring that any group work involves fewer than 10 people—all with proper social distancing parameters.
- Please do not use this as a free pass to violate the Stay at Home order
  - this is an opportunity for healthy college students looking for something to do, or individuals who aren’t able to work from home
  - an opportunity for people who are healthy and looking to help.
- If that’s you, register on the Serve Illinois website and the organization will connect you with opportunities based on their needs.
  - **the website address is at [serve.illinois.gov](http://serve.illinois.gov)**

#### American Red Cross

- As this situation has evolved, the American Red Cross has seen blood drives cancelled across the country — when tragically, a blood shortage would only worsen the health care crisis we are facing right now.
  - That’s why we’re encouraging healthy, eligible individuals to donate blood.
  - To find a blood drive or volunteer, visit: [www.RedCross.org](http://www.RedCross.org)
  - there is no evidence that respiratory viruses can be transmitted through a blood donation or transfusion
  - donating blood does not weaken the immune system
  - Red Cross has even taken extra steps to ensure the safety of donors and staff

#### Extended Tax Filing

- Illinois will delay tax filing deadline from April 15 to July 15, and by Friday, small businesses will be eligible for a share of \$90 million in state emergency assistance through three new programs
- The Department of Revenue (IDOR) will continue to process tax refunds for those filing ahead of the new deadline
  - Taxpayers who have already filed a return can check the status of their return by using the Where’s My Refund? link located at [www.MyTax.Illinois.Gov](http://www.MyTax.Illinois.Gov)

#### Emergency Assistance Programs

- Gov. Pritzker announced a new package of emergency assistance programs for small businesses in need of additional capital, totaling more than \$90 million
  - Illinois businesses will be able to apply to these programs on the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) website
  - These funds will provide small businesses on the brink with much needed working capital to continue making payroll and paying other bills while the administration continues to advocate for additional resources from the federal government
- **Illinois Small Business Emergency Loan Fund**
  - This \$60 million fund will support low-interest loans of up to \$50,000 for small businesses in every industry outside of Chicago

- DCEO and the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) are partnering with Accion, the Illinois Bankers Association and the Community Bankers Alliance of Illinois to create this fund
  - Loans will be supported by a \$30 million loan loss reserve, consisting of:
    - \$20 million of DCEO funds and
    - \$10 million in funds secured with the partnership with the Illinois banking community
  - Businesses with fewer than 50 employees and less than \$3 million in revenue in 2019 will be eligible to apply
  - Successful applicants will owe nothing for six months and will then begin making fixed payments at 3% interest for the remainder of a five-year loan term
  - **Applications will be available on DCEO's website by Friday, March 27**
- **Downstate Small Business Stabilization Program**
  - This new \$20 million program supports small businesses in suburban and rural counties across Illinois, providing grants of up to \$25,000 to small businesses in communities served by DCEO's Office of Community Development
    - These grants will offer businesses of up to 50 employees the opportunity to partner with their local governments to obtain grants of up to \$25,000 in working capital
    - The program redeploys Community Development Block Grant funds to support local small businesses
    - **Applications will be available on DCEO's website by Friday, March 27. The grants will be offered on a rolling basis**
- **Hospitality Emergency Grant Program**
  - This new \$14 million grant program aims to help small hospitality businesses make ends meet, providing up to \$25,000 to eligible bars and restaurants and up to \$50,000 for eligible hotels
    - These grants are available to support working capital – like payroll and rent – job training and technology to support shifts in operations, like increased pick-up and delivery
    - Bars and restaurants that generated between \$500,000 and \$1 million in revenue in 2019 are eligible for up to \$25,000, and
    - Bars and restaurants that generated less than \$500,000 in revenue in 2019 are eligible for up to \$10,000
    - Hotels that generated less than \$8 million in revenue in 2019 are eligible for up to \$50,000
  - The program repurposes job training and tourism promotion funds to provide this emergency grant assistance
  - DCEO has partnered with Accion Serving Illinois and Indiana to administer the grant program and distribute grant awards on behalf of DCEO
  - **Applications are available today on DCEO's website and are due by April 1 at 5 p.m. All valid, eligible applications received within the five-day window will be entered into a lottery, and grant winners will be notified on April 4**
  - Announcement builds on earlier measures to help Illinoisan businesses during these challenging times, including:
    - Deferring sales tax payments for more than 24,000 small- and medium-sized bars and restaurants and
    - Ensuring small businesses from every county are eligible to apply for low-interest coronavirus disaster assistance loans of up to \$2 million from the U.S. Small Business Administration

### **Illinois COVID-19 Response Fund**

- The ICRF is a new statewide fundraising effort to support nonprofit organizations serving those whose lives have been upended by this pandemic.
  - Working with other local response efforts that have been created in recent days, the ICRF will focus on filling Illinois residents' most basic needs.
  - All donations and distributions will be available to the public

- Individuals and families in need of support are encouraged to go to <https://www.ilcovidresponsefund.org/> for updates on which organizations are receiving support and may be able to extend assistance.
- The full list to date of donating organizations and individuals can be found at <https://www.ilcovidresponsefund.org/#supporters>

### Expanding SNAP Benefits

- Through the passage of the Family First Prevention Services Act and the state of Illinois' requests for special waivers from the United States Department of Agriculture, the Illinois Department of Human Services is increasing:
  - Monthly benefit amounts,
  - Expanding SNAP access, and
  - Expediting process and flexibility
- Those eligible for SNAP include low-income seniors, people with disabilities, and working families
- **While many IDHS offices remain open, people are highly encouraged to stay at home and to sign up for SNAP and other benefits by visiting [DHS.illinois.gov/helpishere](https://dhs.illinois.gov/helpishere)**

### Supporting Child Care

- For child care providers who have been licensed to operate during this pandemic, stipends will be provided to help them address their added costs
  - Licensed homes will receive \$750
  - Centers with one to two classrooms open will receive \$2,000
  - Centers with three or more classrooms open will receive \$3,000
  - **Applications for the stipend will be available on Monday to providers through their local Child Care Resource & Referral agency**
- A website with resources has been created for communities detailing how they can help ensure essential workers have access to the child care they need.
  - **For more information, visit: <https://emergencycare.inccrra.org/>**

### Additional Healthcare Workers to Fight COVID-19

- IDPH asking for all licensed health care providers who are available to help in this response – such as physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, medics, dentists, podiatrists, registered, and licensed practical nurses - **to register at [www.illinoishelps.net](http://www.illinoishelps.net)**
  - Since March 19, more than 1,240 medical and non-medical volunteers have registered to help in our fight against COVID-19
  - These workers are **critical** and Illinois will continue to need more as this pandemic continues

### Care Comes First Action Plan

- Governor JB Pritzker announced the “Care Comes First” action plan, a series of efforts led by the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services to expand medical coverage for residents across the state
  - For more information for clients, provider notices, waiver or state plan submissions, and corresponding fact sheets visit: <https://www.illinois.gov/hfs/Pages/coronavirus.aspx>

### DCEO Statewide PPE Survey (TIME-SENSITIVE)

- In order to support a recent request from the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS), we are asking for your participation in **an important survey**.
  - The IDHS wishes to better understand the acute needs for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) among community-based organizations across the state. They have created **a short survey** that must be completed **before April 1**.
  - The survey is designed to more precisely understand statewide PPE needs. Please note, however, that completing the survey is not a guarantee that you will receive the supplies, and it is not a purchasing order.

- As you fill out the survey, please give your best estimate of need over the next 30-90 days, accounting for both your organization's staff and customer/client populations.
- A direct link to the survey is here:  
<http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?module=17&item=123547&surveyid=1525>
- **Here's a list of PPE needs being considered:**
  - N-95 Masks
  - Surgical Masks
  - Gowns
  - Face Shields
  - Goggles
  - Medical Gloves, all sizes
  - Touch-free Thermometers
  - Hair Covering
  - Shoe Covering
  - Hand Sanitizer
  - Disinfectant Wipes
  - Ziploc Bags, quart sized
  - Paper Bags