Local Impacts and Adjustments - Restore Illinois Phase 3

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With the Stay At Home Order for Illinois residents lifted, updated guidance has been issued by the State of Illinois for continuing to flatten the curve. As this guidance impacts many aspects of daily life and business operations, the Village of West Dundee would offer the following information and resources about how these changes impact our local community:

Restore Illinois - Phase 3

Pursuant to Governor Pritzker’s Restore Illinois Plan, all regions of the state moved into Phase 3 (Recovery) starting Friday, May 29.

IDPH is providing daily updates on their COVID-19 website regarding the metrics used to determine if a region is able to move to the next phase of the Governor’s “Restore Illinois” plan. Those metrics include COVID-19 admissions to the region’s hospitals, the region’s COVID-19 test positivity rate and the available surge capacity at the region’s hospitals. All criteria, including testing and contact tracing, must be met for a region to move into the next phase.

Governor Pritzker advised that the same criteria used to determine if a region could move into Phase 3 will also be used to determine if a region can move into Phase 4 (Revitalization). The earliest that any region can move into Phase 4 is Friday, June 26.

The IDPH has advised that the number of COVID-19-related ICU beds is dropping, as is the positivity rate for the Northeast Region, which includes Kane County.

Restore Illinois / Phase 3 Resources:
- Restore Illinois Plan Details
- IDPH Restore Illinois FAQs
- Governor’s Pritzker’s Executive Orders related to COVID-19

Outdoor Dining

One highly anticipated change under Phase 3 is the allowance of in-person dining in open air settings. Many of West Dundee’s restaurants will be providing in-person dining pursuant to State and local guidelines. These guidelines include:

- Outdoor dining is allowed between 7:00 am to 10:00 pm. Patrons must exit the outdoor dining areas by 10:00 pm.
- “Take out” liquor purchases for authorized establishments shall cease by 10:00 pm.
- Table and group sizes are limited to 6 people from the same group or family. All guests must be seated / no standing in outdoor dining areas.
- Tables must be spaced a minimum of 6’ apart.
- No open containers of alcohol outside the designated seating area.
- No smoking within or adjacent to the designated seating area.
- Customers may order food and drinks as “take out” and bring it to a table, or they may be provided table service, at the restaurant’s discretion.
- Tables within the designated seating areas are for restaurant patrons. No outside food or drinks are permitted.
- Liquor service must be in conjunction with sit-down food service.
- Face coverings are not required among groups dining at tables within the seating area, but must be worn upon entering the establishment to access the outside dining areas, to use the restrooms, or outside the seating area, in accordance with the Governor’s Order.
- This authority shall sunset on July 14, 2020 unless extended by the Village Board, or unless the business possesses a Class E outdoor liquor license issued by the Village.

An updated West Dundee Restaurant Options list, identifying known details and options to patronize local food and beverage establishments, is available at wdundee.org. This list details in-person (outdoor) dining, carry out and delivery options and procedures.

Reopening Village Facilities

Beginning Wednesday, June 10, the offices of the Village, including Village Hall, Public Works, Public Safety Center #1 (Police Department) and Public Safety Center #2 (Community Development and Fire Departments) will reopen to the public with standard operating hours. Facial coverings and social distancing will be mandatory at each facility in accordance with the Phase 3 requirements.

We continue to strongly encourage the use of email, phone, online resources and drop boxes located at each facility in order to conduct business with the Village, whenever possible. For various forms, including building permit applications, license applications, utility billing direct-debit application, and more, visit www.wdundee.org/forms.

Payments for the following items can be made online at https://magic.collectorsolutions.com/magic-ui/Login/village-of-west-dundee. Please note that account creation is not supported, only one-time payments. The payment portal is also accessible from www.wdundee.org.

- Water & Sewer Utility Bills
- Police Fines, Tickets and Processing Fees
- “Miscellaneous Payments” - If you need to make a payment to the Village that does not fall into the above categories, please call 847-551-3800 or send an email to villagehall@wdundee.org to confirm online payment availability.

Event Cancellations

The coordinators and sponsors of the Intelligentsia Cup have indicated that, due to the nature of the events, this year’s bike racing series is cancelled, including the West Dundee River Challenge scheduled for July 22. For more information, visit www.intelligentsiacup.com.
The Dundee Township Park District Concerts in the Park and Concert & Fireworks scheduled for June have been cancelled, as well as their June and July Family Fun Nights and ECC Concert Band performances. DTPD has also advised that the Huffman Park Splash Pad will not be activated at this time. For more information on the status of events and programs from DTPD, visit www.dtpd.org.

The Sleepy Hollow Service Club has advised that this year’s July 4th Celebration has been cancelled, as has the Northwest Fourth Fest in Hoffman Estates and Algonquin’s Founders’ Days.

Many have asked about this year’s Heritage Fest. A determination will be made as to whether to cancel or proceed with Heritage Fest during the month of July. We will communicate this decision through all available channels once a determination is made.

Guidance on Garage Sales

In conjunction with the Phase 3 reopening, area discussions regarding garage sales were brought up with our neighboring communities. A determination was made that garage sales are allowed to be conducted under Phase 3 so long as they adhere to the rules of no more than 10 people and the required use of masks. We will be sending out a notification to the community of said allowance, and the requirements.

Electronics/Textile Recycling Reopened

Kane County’s Recycling Centers in Batavia and West Dundee have reopened for dropping off electronics and clothing to be recycled. Hours for drop off at the Recycling Center at the West Dundee Public Works Department are 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday (except holidays).

It is free to drop off almost all electronics, clothing and textiles, but fees apply for recycling TVs and computer monitors ($25 for screens 21” or less, measured diagonally, $35 if larger than 21”) measured diagonally. Please pay online and bring your printed receipt in order to minimize contact with staff and volunteers.

When dropping off recyclables, place all materials to be recycled in the hatchback area or trunk, and stay in your vehicle with windows up while workers unload your items.

Recycling Resources:
- Electronics Items Accepted: https://www.countyofkane.org/Recycling/Pages/electronics/Accepted-Not-Accepted-Items.aspx
- Clothing & Textile Items Accepted: https://www.countyofkane.org/Recycling/Documents/Rewearable_Acceptance_Criterias_20200227.pdf
- Pay Online to recycle TVs and Monitors: http://recycle.eworksesi.org

Please be advised that confidential document shredding will not be offered at Kane County Recycling Events until further notice. Other options for paper shredding can be explored on the Kane County Recycles webpage.

For more information, view this article from Kane County Connects.
Property Taxes

The Senior Citizen Assessment Freeze Homestead Exemption deadline of July 1 has been extended to October 1, 2020.

Taxpayer’s 2019 (payable 2020), tax bills were mailed on Friday, May 1. The first installment was due on or before June 1, and the second installment is due on or before September 1, 2020. For those adversely affected by the COVID-19 virus outbreak, the late penalty fee for first installment made on or before July 1, 2020, will be waived. Otherwise, payment of the first installment after July 1, 2020, will result in all accrued penalties starting at 3.0%.

Property, assessment and building information can be found at http://www.dundeeassessor.com or https://kaneil.devnetwedge.com/. If you have questions, contact the Dundee Township Assessor’s Office at 847-428-2634 or assessor@dundeeassessor.com.

Maintaining Water Systems During Reduced Use and Returning to Regular Use

The IDPH Plumbing and Water Quality Program has issued a memorandum to building owners and operators, and public water supply operators to provide guidance for maintaining water quality and safety in building water systems and in potable water distribution systems during periods of reduced use and considerations for returning building water systems to regular use.

Many buildings throughout the State of Illinois have experienced extended periods of reduced use due to measures implemented to help slow the spread of COVID-19. This lack of use will increase water age and stagnation in water distribution systems and other building water systems. Increased water age degrades water quality by corroding pipes and plumbing materials, accumulating sediment in water systems, and reducing disinfectant levels. This contributes to the growth and spread of opportunistic waterborne pathogens, increases concentrations of metals such as iron, lead, and copper, and can create unpleasant tastes, colors, and odors.

Many businesses and buildings are currently taking steps to reopen, following the release of Governor Pritzker’s plan to “Restore Illinois”. The Restore Illinois plan may be viewed along with relevant indicators at http://www.dph.illinois.gov/restore. Building owners and operators and water system operators are encouraged to consider the general guidance and recommend actions noted in this IDPH document to reduce plumbing and water quality concerns.