



## Illinois' modified stay-at-home order goes into effect tomorrow; here's what to expect

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CHICAGO, Ill. (WTVO) — May 1st marks the start of Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker's modified extension of the emergency stay-at-home order. Here's what those changes are:

**OUTDOOR RECREATION:** State parks will begin a phased re-opening under guidance from the Department of Natural Resources. Fishing and boating in groups of no more than two people will be permitted. A list of parks that will be open on May 1 and additional guidelines can be found on the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. Golf will be permitted under strict safety guidelines provided by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) and when ensuring that social distancing is followed.

**NEW ESSENTIAL BUSINESSES:** Greenhouses, garden centers and nurseries may re-open as essential businesses. These stores must follow social distancing requirements and must require that employees and customers wear a face covering. Animal grooming services may also re-open.

**NON-ESSENTIAL RETAIL:** Retail stores not designated as non-essential businesses and operations may re-open to fulfill telephone and online orders through pick-up outside the store and delivery.

**FACE COVERINGS:** Beginning on May 1, individuals will be required to wear a face-covering or a mask when in a public place where they can't maintain a six-foot social distance. Face-coverings will be required in public indoor spaces, such as stores. This new requirement applies to all individuals over the age of two who are able to medically tolerate a face-covering or a mask.

**ESSENTIAL BUSINESSES AND MANUFACTURING:** Essential businesses and manufacturers will be required to provide face-coverings to all employees who are not able to maintain six-feet of social distancing, as well as follow new requirements that maximize social distancing and prioritize the well-being of employees and customers. This will include occupancy limits for essential businesses and precautions such as staggering shifts and operating only essential lines for manufacturers.

SCHOOLS: Educational institutions may allow and establish procedures for pick-up of necessary supplies or student belongings. Dormitory move-outs must follow public health guidelines, including social distancing.

Pritzker said hospitals will be able to perform surgeries that were delayed, so long as the clinics and hospitals meet proper PPE (personal protective equipment) standards. The governor also said some elective surgeries will be allowed.

Pritzker said the state has continued to test over 10,000 people per day for the presence of the novel coronavirus.

The Governor said this was accomplished by aggressively competing against other state and world governments to get the needed materials, to develop the state's own testing capacity at several universities and laboratories.

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