

COVID-19 Mitigation Efforts Enhanced in Will County

Beginning Wednesday, August 26, new and more stringent measures will be put in place in Will County to slow the spread of COVID-19.

The enhanced mitigation efforts, which affect only the Will County portion of Naperville, were announced by the Governor's Office earlier this week in response to that region reporting three consecutive days of average test positivity rates exceeding 8%.

The additional prevention measures imposed in Will County include a ban on indoor dining, an 11 p.m. closing time for all bars and restaurants, and a cap of 25 people or 25% room capacity for all gatherings, social events and meetings, among other restrictions. A complete summary of the changes can be found on the <u>State's website</u>.

These additional mitigations for Will County will remain in effect for 14 days, after which time the region will return to Phase 4 of the state's Restore Illinois Plan, the new mitigations will be extended, or more stringent mitigation measures will be imposed if metrics do not improve. For more information about the state's mitigation plan, <u>click here</u>.

New Statewide Mask Policy

At this time, Phase 4 guidelines <u>outlined here</u> remain in place for the DuPage County portion of Naperville with the addition of the new statewide restaurant and bar policy announced Tuesday. This policy requires all patrons to wear a mask while interacting with wait staff and other employees, when food and beverages are brought to the table and when picking up carry-out orders.

Mask Up, Naperville

All Naperville residents, regardless of their county of residence, are encouraged to practice the 3 W's to help stop the spread of COVID-19 in our community. This includes **WASHING** your hands often, **WATCHING** your distance from others to prevent close contact, and **WEARING** your face covering when inside a public building or anytime you cannot maintain six feet of separation from those around you.

In a <u>public service announcement</u> released today, Mayor Steve Chirico and members of Naperville's City Council encourage residents to "Mask up" to prevent a resurgence of COVID-19.

Local Data Available Online

Residents are reminded that Naperville-area charts and graphs showing the status of the virus in our area and its impact on our community can be found on the City of Naperville's COVID-19 Resources webpage.