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Regions 10 and 11 Move to Tier 1

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) today announced Region 10 (suburban Cook) and Region 11 (city of Chicago) are moving to [Tier 1](#) effective today. Information about which tier and phase regions are in can be found at the top of the [IDPH website](#) homepage.

IDPH will continue to closely monitor test positivity, ICU bed availability, and the number of people in the hospital with COVID-19. Should data show regions trending in the wrong direction, based on the established mitigation metrics, regions could once again find themselves in a higher tier with increased measures.

Metrics for moving from a higher to lower tier are as follows:

Moving from Tier 3 to Tier 2

- Test positivity rate $\geq 8\%$ and below 12% for three consecutive days (7-day average); AND
- Staffed ICU bed availability $\geq 20\%$ for three consecutive days (7-day average); AND
- Sustained decline in COVID patients in hospital (7-day average for 7 of 10 days)

Moving from Tier 2 to Tier 1

- Test positivity rate between 6.5% and 8% for three consecutive days (7-day average); AND
- Staffed ICU bed availability $\geq 20\%$ for three consecutive days (7-day average); AND
- No sustained increase in COVID patients in hospital (7-day average for 7 of 10 days)

Moving from Tier 1 to Phase 4

- Test positivity rate $\leq 6.5\%$ for three consecutive days (7-day average); AND
- Staffed ICU bed availability $\geq 20\%$ for three consecutive days (7-day average); AND
- No sustained increase in COVID patients in hospital (7-day average for 7 of 10 days)

Information about mitigation and resurgence metrics can be found on the [IDPH website](#) at <http://www.dph.illinois.gov/regionmetrics>.

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