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ILCC: Updated COVID-19 Mitigation Efforts to Take Effect in Region 11 *Non-compliance may result in liquor license suspension*

CHICAGO— Additional COVID-19 mitigation efforts go into effect October 30, 2020 in Region 11 in response to continued positivity rate averages greater than or equal to 8% for three consecutive days. The Illinois Liquor Control Commission is reminding licensed liquor establishments in Region 11 that failure to abide by the new mitigation efforts could result in immediate enforcement action against their license. Region 11 consists of the City of Chicago.

[The new Region 11 mitigations \(available via this link\) being imposed are listed below and go into effect on Friday, October 30, 2020 :](#)

- Bars and restaurants must close at 11pm and may reopen no earlier than 6am the following day. See link for [Region Mitigation Measures Questions](#).
- Bars and restaurants can serve patrons at tables with outdoor seating only. No indoor service or seating is allowed.
- No ordering, seating, or congregating at bar is allowed, bar stools should be removed
- No standing or congregating indoors or outdoors while waiting for a table or exiting the premises.
- No dancing or standing indoors.
- Reservations required for each party.
- No seating of multiple parties at one table.
- Meetings, social events and gatherings are limited to the lesser of 25 people or 25% of overall room capacity. (This restriction modifies the previous limitation of the lesser of 50 people or 50% of overall room capacity.)
- No party buses are allowed.
- Gaming and casinos must be closed by 11:00 p.m. and not reopen until 8:00 a.m. per the Illinois Gaming Board requirements. Food and beverage services in gaming establishments have been suspended. See link for additional Gaming Board requirements: <https://www.igb.illinois.gov/>.

Under the Illinois Liquor Control Act (235 ILCS 5/7-5), local liquor commissioners may temporarily cease the liquor license of a business found to be posing an immediate threat to the welfare of their community. Suspensions may last up to seven days. [Click here for more information on a Local Liquor Control Commission's Summary Authority](#).

The new mitigation efforts will remain in effect until Region 11 is able to reduce its seven-day rolling average positivity rate to or below 6.5% for 14 consecutive days. When the region is able to meet the 6.5% sustained positivity rate target, the region will be allowed to return to regular Phase 4 guidelines without these enhanced mitigations.

Information on the State of Illinois' central website for COVID-19 is [available at coronavirus.illinois.gov](https://coronavirus.illinois.gov). For additional information related to COVID-19 and the ILCC, please visit the ILCC's website at: <https://www2.illinois.gov/ilcc>.

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