

Illinois.gov COVID-19 Homepage:

For all things COVID-19 related in Illinois, visit <https://coronavirus.illinois.gov/>

This page includes:

- News
- Prevention and Preparation
- FAQs
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 - CDC Guidance
 - Families and Children
 - Seniors
 - Medical Providers and Facilities
 - Businesses
 - Economic assistance
- COVID-19 Contact Info
 - Dph.sick@illinois.gov
 - 1-800-889-3931
- Stream to Governor Pritzker's [Daily COVID-19 Update](#)
- Healthcare License Reinstatement Form
 - On the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation website, <https://www.idfpr.com/COVID-19.asp>
 - and on coronavirus.illinois.gov.
 - These applications will be processed on an expedited basis, waiving the fees as well

COVID-19 Executive Orders (sorted by recency):

- [COVID-19 EO no. 10](#) (suspends healthcare workers' background checks)
- [COVID-19 EO no. 9](#) (essential human services operations)
- [COVID-19 EO no. 8](#) (Stay At Home/Essential Businesses and Services) ****see attachment as well****
 - DCEO will be serving as the central hub for guidance on whether a business is deemed essential. Please feel free to direct questions to 1-800-252-2923 or CEO.support@illinois.gov.
- [COVID-19 EO no. 7](#) (Expanded Telehealth)
- [COVID-19 EO no. 6](#) (vehicle services)
- [COVID-19 EO no. 5](#) (food/beverage businesses, public/private gatherings expanded)
- [COVID-19 EO no. 4](#) (school closings)
- [COVID-19 EO no. 3](#) (school closings)
- [COVID-19 EO no. 2](#) (public/private gatherings)
- [COVID-19 EO no. 1](#) (Extending adult-use application deadlines)

IDPH Resources

- COVID-19 Public Health [Homepage](#)
 - About COVID-19
 - Daily Press Releases
 - Families and Children Guidance
 - School and Business Guidance
- CDC COVID-19 [FAQs](#)
- IDPH has also established a POC for PPE donations, which is PPE.Donations@illinois.gov

DCEO Resources for Small Businesses:

- Newsletter/Alerts [sign up form](#)
- Business economic impact [data form](#)
- SBA Disaster Loan Assistance [webpage](#)
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IDES Resources:

- COVID-19 Unemployment Resources [Homepage](#)
- “[What to Know](#)” about Unemployment Insurance
- Illinois Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act (WARN) [Homepage](#)
- Rapid Response Services [Homepage](#)

Serve Illinois Volunteerism

- Serve Illinois, is in the process of providing CDC guidance to service organizations across the state, including:
 - daily health surveys and temperature checks for all volunteers and staff
 - the disinfecting of surfaces at each shift change
 - ensuring that any group work involves fewer than 10 people—all with proper social distancing parameters.
- Please do not use this as a free pass to violate the Stay at Home order
 - this is an opportunity for healthy college students looking for something to do, or individuals who aren’t able to work from home
 - an opportunity for people who are healthy and looking to help.
- If that’s you, register on the Serve Illinois website and the organization will connect you with opportunities based on their needs.
 - **the website address is at serve.illinois.gov**

American Red Cross

- As this situation has evolved, the American Red Cross has seen blood drives cancelled across the country — when tragically, a blood shortage would only worsen the health care crisis we are facing right now.
 - That’s why we’re encouraging healthy, eligible individuals to donate blood.
 - To find a blood drive or volunteer, visit: www.RedCross.org
 - there is no evidence that respiratory viruses can be transmitted through a blood donation or transfusion
 - donating blood does not weaken the immune system
 - Red Cross has even taken extra steps to ensure the safety of donors and staff

Extended Tax Filing

- Illinois will delay tax filing deadline from April 15 to July 15, and by Friday, small businesses will be eligible for a share of \$90 million in state emergency assistance through three new programs
- The Department of Revenue (IDOR) will continue to process tax refunds for those filing ahead of the new deadline
 - Taxpayers who have already filed a return can check the status of their return by using the Where’s My Refund? link located at www.MyTax.Illinois.Gov

Emergency Assistance Programs

- Gov. Pritzker announced a new package of emergency assistance programs for small businesses in need of additional capital, totaling more than \$90 million
 - Illinois businesses will be able to apply to these programs on the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) website
 - These funds will provide small businesses on the brink with much needed working capital to continue making payroll and paying other bills while the administration continues to advocate for additional resources from the federal government
- **Illinois Small Business Emergency Loan Fund**
 - This \$60 million fund will support low-interest loans of up to \$50,000 for small businesses in every industry outside of Chicago

- DCEO and the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) are partnering with Accion, the Illinois Bankers Association and the Community Bankers Alliance of Illinois to create this fund
 - Loans will be supported by a \$30 million loan loss reserve, consisting of:
 - \$20 million of DCEO funds and
 - \$10 million in funds secured with the partnership with the Illinois banking community
 - Businesses with fewer than 50 employees and less than \$3 million in revenue in 2019 will be eligible to apply
 - Successful applicants will owe nothing for six months and will then begin making fixed payments at 3% interest for the remainder of a five-year loan term
 - **Applications will be available on DCEO's website by Friday, March 27**
- **Downstate Small Business Stabilization Program**
 - This new \$20 million program supports small businesses in suburban and rural counties across Illinois, providing grants of up to \$25,000 to small businesses in communities served by DCEO's Office of Community Development
 - These grants will offer businesses of up to 50 employees the opportunity to partner with their local governments to obtain grants of up to \$25,000 in working capital
 - The program redeploys Community Development Block Grant funds to support local small businesses
 - **Applications will be available on DCEO's website by Friday, March 27. The grants will be offered on a rolling basis**
- **Hospitality Emergency Grant Program**
 - This new \$14 million grant program aims to help small hospitality businesses make ends meet, providing up to \$25,000 to eligible bars and restaurants and up to \$50,000 for eligible hotels
 - These grants are available to support working capital – like payroll and rent – job training and technology to support shifts in operations, like increased pick-up and delivery
 - Bars and restaurants that generated between \$500,000 and \$1 million in revenue in 2019 are eligible for up to \$25,000, and
 - Bars and restaurants that generated less than \$500,000 in revenue in 2019 are eligible for up to \$10,000
 - Hotels that generated less than \$8 million in revenue in 2019 are eligible for up to \$50,000
 - The program repurposes job training and tourism promotion funds to provide this emergency grant assistance
 - DCEO has partnered with Accion Serving Illinois and Indiana to administer the grant program and distribute grant awards on behalf of DCEO
 - **Applications are available today on DCEO's website and are due by April 1 at 5 p.m. All valid, eligible applications received within the five-day window will be entered into a lottery, and grant winners will be notified on April 4**
 - Announcement builds on earlier measures to help Illinoisan businesses during these challenging times, including:
 - Deferring sales tax payments for more than 24,000 small- and medium-sized bars and restaurants and
 - Ensuring small businesses from every county are eligible to apply for low-interest coronavirus disaster assistance loans of up to \$2 million from the U.S. Small Business Administration

Illinois COVID-19 Response Fund

- The ICRF is a new statewide fundraising effort to support nonprofit organizations serving those whose lives have been upended by this pandemic.
 - Working with other local response efforts that have been created in recent days, the ICRF will focus on filling Illinois residents' most basic needs.
 - All donations and distributions will be available to the public

- Individuals and families in need of support are encouraged to go to <https://www.ilcovidresponsefund.org/> for updates on which organizations are receiving support and may be able to extend assistance.
- The full list to date of donating organizations and individuals can be found at <https://www.ilcovidresponsefund.org/#supporters>