

STATE REPRESENTATIVE ★ 84TH DISTRICT

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Greetings!

I apologize for the delay in sending out this email. I had hoped to get this to you before now, but the month of January has been quite busy for me. As you might have read in the news, the IL House of Representatives has elected a new Speaker of the House after Speaker Madigan has held the position for almost four decades.

This is certainly an exciting time in our history, as we journey into a new year with a new speaker. I would like to thank everyone who reached out to me and gave me words of encouragement. While I was not elected, I would like to Congratulate newly elected Speaker Welch in his success. [To read up on my journey, there was a wonderful article in the Tribune about me.](#)

The lame duck session was extremely busy with legislation being passed and the election of a new Speaker. I spoke about it in my Monday morning coffee, and if you missed it you can view the video here.

I also would like to thank Michelle from Congresswoman Underwood's office and Hilary from Congressman Foster's office who filled in for me while I was in Springfield. They did a great job!

The House is scheduled to go back in session on February 10th for the day; this is due to the concerns of many members for the safety of not only them but also for their families from COVID. We had been meeting at the Bank of Springfield Center, but the cost is just too expensive to keep going there, and we will be back in the House Chambers with less space to social distance so the other days in February before the 10th have been cancelled. However, my day is still filled with many Zoom meetings and phone calls so my work is never done.

I want to remind everyone to please take this disease seriously. I have a family member right now who is in the hospital with COVID from a church gathering where they felt they didn't need to wear a mask or social distance. Please be careful!!

Finally, if you need any assistance please feel free to email me or call my office at (630) 585-1308.

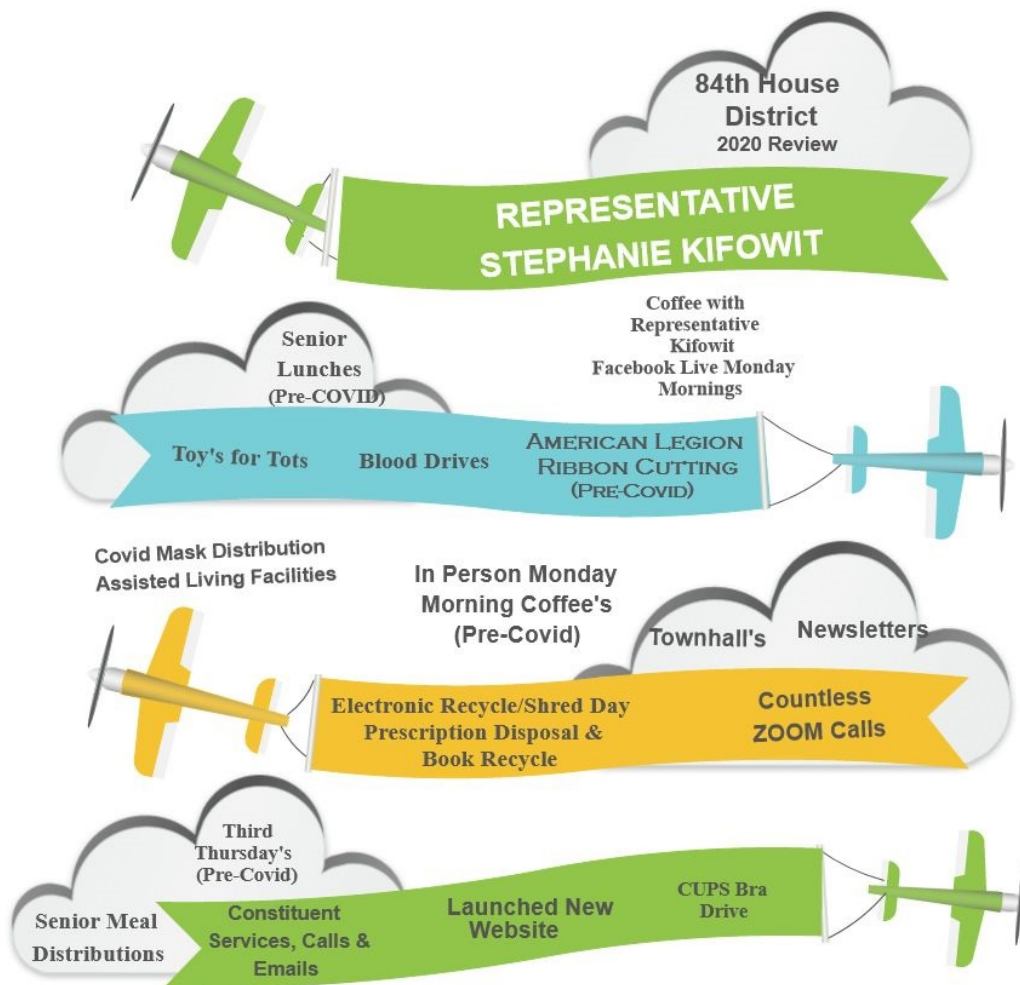
Take care and be well,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephanie". The signature is stylized with a large, looping initial 'S'.



## Around the 84th District in 2020

The last 12 months have seen an unprecedented amount of disruption in our lives, fueled in large part by the coronavirus pandemic. However, amidst COVID-19 we were very busy in and around Illinois House District 84. We have highlighted a few initiatives below.



## HB 3653 Police, Criminal Justice Reform Bill Overview

**House Bill 3653** - "I spoke about it in my Monday morning coffee on Monday January18, if you missed it you can view the video [HERE](#)".



## Join Me Via Zoom or on Facebook

**Monday mornings at 9:00am**  
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**Coffee with Rep. Kifowit**  
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I continue to host Monday Morning Coffee live via Facebook at 9:00am-10:00am where you can post your comments and questions.

I realize not everyone has Facebook. The good news is that you can still participate. If you would like to join us on Monday mornings, you can join in via ZOOM! Once connected via ZOOM, you'll be able to interact just as if you were on Facebook. Don't worry you will not be on live - your video feed and mic will be muted.

The ZOOM link will be emailed to everyone separately for Monday morning participation.

If you would like to join us, please email [Michelle@ILDistrict84.com](mailto:Michelle@ILDistrict84.com) or call the office at [630.585.1308](tel:630.585.1308)

# COVID-19 Information

## Regions 8 and 9 Move to Tier 1

26th Jan, 2021

### Restaurants and Bars

Indoor service limited to the lesser of 25 guests or 25% capacity per room

Establishments offering indoor service must serve food

All bar and restaurant patrons should be seated at tables

No ordering, seating, or congregating at bar (bar stools should be removed)

Tables should be 6 feet apart

No standing or congregating indoors or outdoors while waiting for a table or exiting

### Organized Group Recreational Activities

(fitness centers, sports, etc.)

Sports should follow the mitigation measures set forth in the All Sports Policy, which outlines appropriate levels of practice and competition based on individual sport risk

Face coverings must be worn at all times in fitness centers, including while engaged in individual exercise regardless of person or machine spacing

Recreation, fitness centers and outdoor activities (not included in the above exposure settings) follow Phase 4 guidance

### Meetings and Social Events

(including weddings, funerals, potlucks, etc.)

Limit to lesser of 25 guests or 25% of overall room capacity both indoors and outdoors

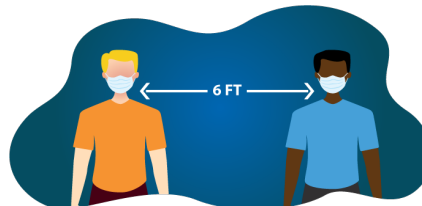
Applicable to professional, cultural and social group gatherings.

Not applicable to students participating in-person classroom learning, or sports.

This does not reduce the overall facility capacity dictated by general Phase 4 business guidance such as office, personal care, retail, etc.

## Vaccination Locations

Find vaccination locations [HERE](#)  
Get appointment info using listed links.



# Illinois is now in Phase 1B of the Vaccination Rollout

## Vaccine Distribution: Phases 1A and 1B

UPDATED 1/6/2021

The COVID-19 vaccine is a critical tool to safely reach the other side of this pandemic. Through efficient and effective distribution of the vaccine, we can suppress the spread of the virus, save as many lives as possible, and rebuild our economy. Illinois will only distribute a vaccine that is deemed safe. As we move through phases of vaccine distribution, the administration will ensure it reaches Illinoisans as quickly as possible using an equity-centric approach as we have done throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. As we move forward, it is critical that Illinoisans continue to follow public health recommendations to suppress the spread of the virus until vaccines are ready for widespread distribution.

### CDC RECOMMENDATIONS

The CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) — an esteemed group of public health experts and medical professionals — develops recommendations on how to use vaccines to control disease in the United States. The Committee's recommendations are then approved by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

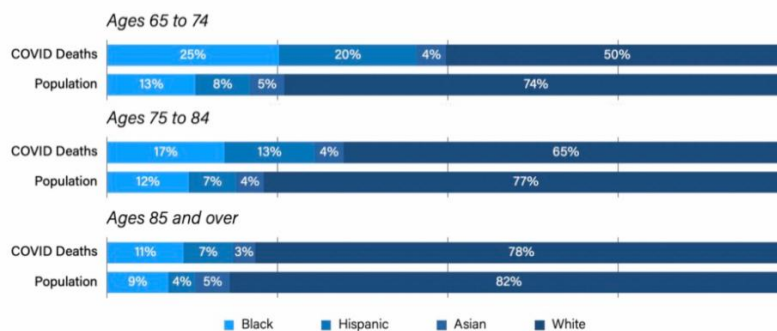
With the demand for COVID-19 vaccines expected to exceed supply during the first months of the national COVID-19 vaccination program, ACIP recommended the following priority groups — those at the highest risk of exposure, morbidity and mortality — receive the first doses of vaccines before the general public:

- **Phase 1A:** health care personnel and residents of long-term care facilities
- **Phase 1B:** persons aged ≥75 years and non-health care frontline essential workers

### ILLINOIS' EQUITY-CENTRIC VACCINATION APPROACH

As a result of longstanding disparities in healthcare system access and delivery, Black and Brown Americans have been disproportionately affected by COVID-19, including suffering a disproportionate number of deaths. In Illinois, Black and Brown residents are more likely to die at a younger age from COVID-19. While the average white Illinoisan who has lost their life to COVID-19 died at age 81, that figure drops to age 72 for Black Illinoisans and 68 for Hispanic Illinoisans.

#### AGE AND RACIAL BREAKDOWN OF COVID-19 DEATHS COMPARED TO ILLINOIS POPULATION



## Combat a Resurgence of COVID-19

## Actions to Combat a Resurgence of COVID-19

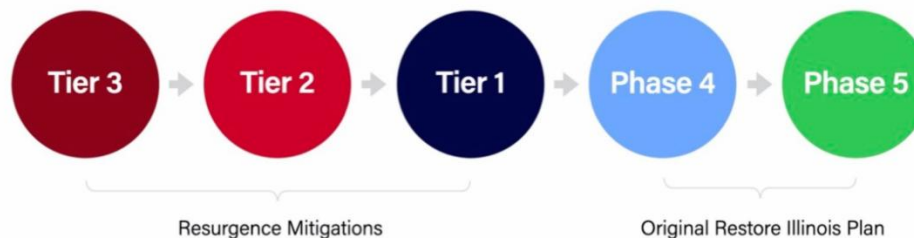
UPDATED 1/15/2021

From the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, Illinois has followed the science and listened to public health experts to keep people safe.

After bending the curve in the spring, Illinois achieved relatively low rates of community spread and hospitalizations in the summer. But amid a nationwide surge, every region of Illinois saw an increase in cases and hospitalizations in the fall, which triggered the regional tiered mitigations outlined in this plan.

As the surge became more severe here in Illinois and across the nation, Governor Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Public Health moved all 11 regions into Tier 3 mitigations, effective November 20, 2020. At the advice of public health experts, including Dr. Anthony Fauci, the mitigations remained in place over the holidays to prevent a "surge upon a surge." With some regions now beginning to make progress, Governor Pritzker announced that any region that has met the metrics for a reduction of mitigations will be able to move out of Tier 3 to less restrictive tiers beginning January 15, 2021.

By operating with consistent and meaningful mitigations throughout the holiday season, Illinois has saved lives, brought down community risk, and set ourselves up to safely reduce these mitigations. This approach has allowed the state to be in its strongest position to combat the virus since the pandemic began, as the administration prepares to proceed with Phase 1B of Illinois' vaccine distribution plan. Illinois also continues to build upon its nation-leading testing operation, surpassing more than 100,000 tests per day. This plan accounts for months of additional research as public health experts reach a greater scientific understanding of this virus. Ultimately, as conditions continue to improve, IDPH will re-classify regions to Tier 2, Tier 1, and back to Phase 4 as they meet the necessary metrics.



## Regional, Tier and Phase

Kane and DuPage counties are in Region 8, currently in Tier 1; Will County is in Region 7 Tier 1; Kendall County is in Region 2, Phase 4.

Regional Phase Dashboard information can be found [HERE](#).

## Regions 8 and 9 Meet Health Metrics to Move to Tier 1

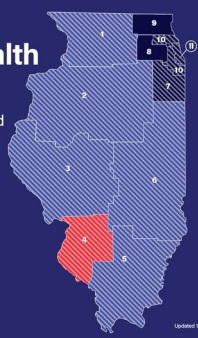
Northern and Western suburbs join rest of Chicagoland in least strict tier. Here's where each region stands:

**Tier 2:** Metro East (4)

**Tier 1:** South Suburban (7), West Suburban (8), North Suburban (9), Suburban Cook (10) and Chicago (11)

**Phase 4:** North (1), North-Central (2), West-Central (3), Southern (5) and East-Central (6)

**RESTORE ILLINOIS**



Regions 8 and 9 Move to Tier 1 additional information [HERE](#)

## Mask Up



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