

State COVID-Operation Snapshot for Illinois

Statewide Mask Order: Yes.

Anyone who is over the age of 2 and medically able to wear a mask must do so in a public place when unable to maintain 6-foot distancing.

August 11, Gov Pritzker's emergency rules went into effect. Under these new rules businesses that are open to the public that do not enforce mask requirements, or do not adhere to capacity limits (50 people or 50 percent of more of a building's occupancy) are subject to a Class A Misdemeanor as part of a three step process: 1) Written warnings will be issued to businesses and encouraged to comply with public health guidelines. 2) Businesses that do not comply will be ordered to have some or all of their patrons leave the premises to come into compliance and 3) Businesses that do not comply could be cited with a Class A misdemeanor and subject to a daily fine of \$75 to \$2,500.

While this new rule only applies to businesses open to the public and is directed toward consumer-facing businesses such as restaurants, bars, hotels, and retail stores, manufacturers need to be very careful because local officials could aggressively interpret the rule in a different manner. Manufacturers should continue to adhere to the state's guidelines because local officials could aggressively interpret this new rule in a different manner than intended and attempt to apply them to manufacturers in their jurisdiction.

Statewide Travel Restrictions: No.

The Illinois Department of Public Health is asking individuals arriving in the state from a country with a Level 3 Travel Health Notice from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to self-quarantine for 14 days. While there aren't other statewide travel restrictions in place in Illinois, its largest city—Chicago—has a travel order mandating visitors from states experiencing a surge in COVID-19 cases self-quarantine upon arrival. There are currently 18 states the city requires a quarantine from: Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Nevada, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Utah. The Chicago Department of Public Health says that anyone entering the city from a state on the list must self-quarantine "for a 14-day period from the time of last contact within the identified state." The list is reviewed and updated by officials each week.

Current Executive Order Status: Phase 4 Restore Illinois

Requirements for manufacturers: must ensure all employees practice social distancing and must take appropriate additional public health precautions, in accordance with DCEO guidance, which include:

- provide face coverings to all employees who are not able to maintain a minimum six-foot social distance at all times;
- ensure that all spaces where employees may gather, including locker rooms and lunchrooms, allow for social distancing; and
- modify and downsize operations (staggering shifts, reducing line speeds, operating only essential lines, while shutting down non-essential lines) to the extent necessary to allow for social distancing and to provide a safe workplace in response to the COVID-19 emergency.

In early May, Gov. Pritzker announced the “Restore Illinois Plan” outlining five phases to reopen the state. Effective May 29, Illinois will move to a statewide Phase 3 opening to allow all manufacturing to resume operations with specific health and safety guidelines. Below is the link to the full guidelines.

A stay at home order in Illinois was first imposed on March 23.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- August 11 Mask Order Rules (start page 8) – [Read Here](#)
- Phase 4 Executive Order – [Click Here](#)
- Phase 3 Executive Order (expired) – [Click Here](#)
- Gov. Pritzker Phase 3 Announcement – [Read Here](#)
- Phase 3: Guidelines for Manufacturing – [Click Here](#)
- Phase 3: All Industry Guidelines – [Click Here](#)
- Restore Illinois Plan – [Read Here](#)
- Illinois May 1 Stay at Home Order – [Click Here](#)
- Updated Essential Business FAQ – [Click Here](#)
- News Release on Recent Stay at Home Extension — [Learn More](#)
- Illinois March 20 Stay at Home Order - [Click Here](#)
- Illinois April 1 Stay at Home Order Extension - [Click Here](#)
- Illinois Manufacturers’ Association COVID-19 Resources Page - [Click Here](#)

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