

## City of Blue Island Building & Zoning Department

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## **BLUE ISLAND'S PHASE 4 REOPENING GUIDELINES**

## More reopening information can be found online at: http://www.blueisland.org/health/

To ensure that the City of Blue Island businesses can reopen in a safe and comfortable manner, the city is adopting a common set of standards expected from all employers, while also outlining industry-specific guidelines. Restore Illinois' Phase 4 creates a general set of guidelines for the following permitted activities and businesses to resume, with capacity rules in place:

All Industries: All employees who can work from home should continue to do so. Continue to wear a face covering that covers nose and mouth, maintain social distance of 6 feet, and wash hands frequently. Continue employee health screenings upon entry into the workplace and mid-shift screenings for employees. Follow guidelines on capacity limits and group sizes per trade.

- **Day camps:** Water-based activities permitted in accordance with IDPH guidelines; no more than 50% of facility capacity with group size of no more than 15 participants in a group, unless participants changing weekly.
- **Film Production:** Allow no more than 50% of sound stage or filming location capacity; crowd scenes should be limited to 50 people or fewer.
- Health and Fitness Centers: Revised guidelines allow gyms to open at 50% capacity and allow group fitness classes of up to 50 people with new safety guidelines for indoors, with multiple groups permitted given facilities have space to appropriately social distance and can limit interaction between groups (e.g. gyms, yoga studios, pilates, dance, karate studios).
- Indoor Dining (Restaurants/Bars): Indoor dining can reopen with groups of 10 or less, with tables spaced 6 feet apart in seated areas and with standing areas at no more than 25% of capacity load. Seated areas should be arranged so the tables allow for 6 feet between parties; impermeable barriers may be installed between booths, which are less than 6 feet apart or if the booth cannot be moved, or employers should use every other table/booth to allow for separation between patrons of unrelated parties. Buffets and self-service food stations (e.g. hot and cold bars, bulk items, baked goods) should adhere to additional guidelines. Self-service beverage fountains are permissible with extra precautions. Live music is permitted, but employees and performers should follow social distancing guidelines, keeping the maximum distance possible from each other and from customers. Finally, outdoor seating will continue to be allowed, but at a reduced rate of 30% of capacity load (public parking lot closes at 10:00 PM/private parking lot closes at 12:00 AM). All "indoor" dining will close at regular business hours.

- Indoor and Outdoor Recreation: Revised guidelines to allow select indoor recreation facilities (e.g., arcades, bingo halls, bowling alleys, driving ranges, escape rooms, skating rinks, video gaming venues), as well as clubhouses to reopen. Indoor recreation to operate at lesser of 50 customers or 50% of facility capacity with outdoor recreation allowing group sizes of up to 50, and permitting multiple groups given facilities have space to appropriately social distance and can limit interaction between groups; concessions permitted with restrictions.
- Manufacturing: In-person groupings of up to 50 people with social distancing permitted.
- Meetings and Events: Venues and meeting spaces can resume with the lesser of up to 50 people or 50% of overall room capacity. Multiple groups are permitted given facilities have space to appropriately social distance and can limit interaction between groups. This includes activities such as conferences, weddings, and funerals. City-related meetings will also transition between online meetings to in-person meetings, if deemed appropriate by size, social spacing, and the number of people expected for a meeting. The City Council meetings might need to continue to be online because of a larger crowd size of 50 people or more attending, but smaller committee, commission, or board meetings might be better suited to hold in-person meetings.
- Offices: Continue capacity limit of no more than 50% occupancy. In-person meetings of up to 50 people with social distancing permitted. Continue health screenings, through employers may screen office employees via in-person conversations and questionnaire once at their workstation, or using virtual method.
- Outdoor Seated Spectator events: Outdoor spectator sports can resume with no more than 20% of seating capacity; concessions permitted with restrictions.
- **Personal Care:** Continue capacity limit of no more than 50% occupancy (e.g. hair salons, nail salons, spas, massage parlors, tanning, tattoo parlors). If services require customer to remove a face mask, employee must wear both a face mask and eye protection (e.g. face shield, protective glasses). No time restrictions on massage or other services.
- Retail and Service Counter: Continue capacity limit of no more than 50% occupancy (e.g. dry cleaners, repair shops, shoe repair, car washes, grocery stores, hardware stores, clothing stores, pharmacies).
- Youth and Recreational Sports: Revised guidelines allow competitive gameplay and tournaments; youth and recreational sports venues can operate at 50% of facility capacity, 20% seating capacity for spectators, and group sizes up to 50 with multiple groups permitted during practice and competitive games given venues have space to appropriately social distance and can limit interaction between groups; concessions permitted with restrictions.