



METRO EAST RESURGANCE AND STATEWIDE WARNING

The number of COVID-19 cases continue to increase in our state. As a result, there is a great deal of concern for the future of hospitality businesses in Illinois. We know moving back phases would be devastating to the thousands of bars and restaurants trying to rebound after being shut down for months.

We are thankful the Governor has been listening to our concerns and has acknowledged the efforts our industry is making to prioritize public safety. Our efforts have made it clear to the Governor that we are committed to promoting the state's safety guidelines and want to prevent our entire industry from being hurt by the careless actions of a few.

Fortunately, despite increased coronavirus cases in places like the Metro East, businesses are not being immediately shut down. Instead, less severe mitigations are being imposed to reverse the threat of further infections. We must do our part to ensure these measures work and avoid another devastating shut down.

For our Metro East members, it is imperative that you follow the new guidelines. All others need to continue taking every precaution to prevent the risk of another shutdown. We **must** follow all health and safety protocols. Please require staff and encourage customers to:

- **Wear facemasks**
- **Wash your hands thoroughly and often**
- **Avoid close contact with others**
- **Clean surfaces regularly**
- **Monitor your health**

Follow all safety guidelines and help us show the Governor that the members of the Support Main Street Illinois Coalition care deeply for the health and safety of our families and our communities. **We need your help to keep Illinois open.**

Thank you for what you are doing to ensure Illinois is open for business. **We look forward to continuing to be your voice in Springfield.**