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### **Region 4 Moves to Tier 2 – All Regions out of Tier 3 Mitigations**

#### *Regions 10 and 11 on track to advance to Tier 1 on Saturday*

**SPRINGFIELD** – The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) today announced Region 4 (Bond, Clinton, Madison, Monroe, Randolph, St. Clair, Washington) is moving to [Tier 2](#) effective today. All 11 regions have now moved out of [Tier 3](#) mitigations. If metrics continue to improve or are stable, regions 10 and 11 are on track to advance to [Tier 1](#) on Saturday, January 23, 2021. Information about which tier and phase regions are in can be found at the top of the [IDPH website](#) homepage.

“With all regions of Illinois now out of Tier 3, we can now see that the entire state is headed down the right path,” said IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike. “During the summer, we were on this same path. We know that we must continue to take precautions and be smart about how we relax some of the mitigation measures, which are in place to protect our health and safety.”

“We are pleased to hear our region as whole is trending in the right direction,” said St. Clair County Board Chairman Mark Kern. “We will continue to advocate to our residents to mask up, wash their hands, and stay safe so we can continue to increase capacity at our hospitals and reduce our positivity rates. We appreciate the work and partnership of IDPH and Governor Pritzker.”

IDPH will continue to closely monitor test positivity, ICU bed availability, and the number of people in the hospital with COVID-19. Should data show regions trending in the wrong direction, based on the established mitigation metrics, regions could once again find themselves in a higher tier with increase measures.

Metrics for moving from a higher to lower tier are as follows:

#### **Moving from Tier 3 to Tier 2**

- Test positivity rate  $\geq 8\%$  and below 12% for three consecutive days (7-day average); AND
- Staffed ICU bed availability  $\geq 20\%$  for three consecutive days (7-day average); AND
- Sustained decline in COVID patients in hospital (7-day average for 7 of 10 days)

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**Moving from Tier 2 to Tier 1**

- Test positivity rate between 6.5% and 8% for three consecutive days (7-day average); AND
- Staffed ICU bed availability  $\geq 20\%$  for three consecutive days (7-day average); AND
- No sustained increase in COVID patients in hospital (7-day average for 7 of 10 days)

**Moving from Tier 1 to Phase 4**

- Test positivity rate  $\leq 6.5\%$  for three consecutive days (7-day average); AND
- Staffed ICU bed availability  $\geq 20\%$  for three consecutive days (7-day average); AND
- No sustained increase in COVID patients in hospital (7-day average for 7 of 10 days)

Information about mitigation and resurgence metrics can be found on the [IDPH website](http://www.dph.illinois.gov/regionmetrics) at <http://www.dph.illinois.gov/regionmetrics>.

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