



IL State Senator Karina Villa



IL 25TH DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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Hello friends & neighbors,
Illinois has officially entered Phase 5, Illinois Restored, and I cannot be more excited. Thank you to all of you who were proactive and sought out the vaccine. According to the IDPH 51.75% of all DuPage County residents, 43.66% of Kane County residents, and 45.28% of Kendall County residents are now fully vaccinated against COVID-19!

Illinois Restored

Phase 5 of the state's reopening plan will remove all remaining capacity limits and restrictions. This means that:

- Businesses and schools resume normal operations with new safety guidance and procedures
- Conventions, festivals, and large event can proceed at full capacity,
- Masks are no longer be required for vaccinated individuals in most settings, per CDC guidance
- A mask mandate remains in effect in health care and school settings

DCEO Grants

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity has opened the following grants for small businesses:

- ❖ *Shuttered Venue Operators Grant (SVOG)* - provides emergency assistance to eligible venues who were negatively impacted by the pandemic.

The business must have been in operation as of February 29, 2020 and meet one of the following.

- Live venue operators or promoters
- Theatrical producers
- Live performing arts organization operators
- Relevant museum operators, zoos and aquariums who meet specific criteria
- Motion picture theater operators
- Talent representatives

For more information, please click [HERE](#).

- ❖ *COVID-19 Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL)* - is a loan that has to be paid back. The loan interest for businesses is at 3.75% and for nonprofits it is 2.75% with terms of up to 30 years. For more information, please click [HERE](#).

- ❖ *Illinois Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs)*: provide one-on-one counseling, assistance with navigating best options for financial support programs, technical assistance with documentation requirements to prepare applications, and more. Find your nearest SBDC [HERE](#).

- ❖ *DCEO Office of Regional Economic Development (Team RED) and the Office of Minority Economic Empowerment (OMEE)*: provide targeted referrals and counseling for

economic opportunities to businesses and communities based on geography (Team RED) and in support of minority enterprises including racial/ethnic minorities, women, persons with disabilities, and veteran-owned businesses (OMEE). To connect with your area Team RED member, please click [HERE](#). To connect with OMEE, please click [HERE](#).

Update on Legislation

Juneteenth is now officially a state holiday in Illinois. Governor JB Pritzker made the announcement Wednesday morning and signed HB3922 into law. I was proud to help pass this important piece of legislation this session. The state will lower flags to half-staff on Juneteenth — which falls on Saturday this year — and a flag for the holiday will fly in the state capital.

In District

Yesterday I rode a bike for the first time in years for our *Ride with Karina* event in Batavia! I had so much fun, thank you to everyone who enjoyed a lovely summer evening with myself, the Batavia Bike Commission, and my team!
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What's Next?

Next Thursday we will have our environment committee meeting at 7pm! For the zoom links please email environment.49th@gmail.com.

As always, you can reach my office at 630 326 9319 or by email at constituentservices@senatorvilla.com!

Warm regards,



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