

STATE REPRESENTATIVE ★ 84TH DISTRICT

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Greetings!

Thanksgiving will have to be different this year. Amidst the worst pandemic in a century, holiday gatherings in 2020 will see smaller guest lists and emphasize simplicity, and gratitude. Yes, gratitude. I believe we can all find something to be thankful for even in these strange times. For me personally, I've been reflecting on what Thanksgiving will mean for my family this year. My husband and I will be celebrating at home, my son is on lockdown at Great Lakes and our other family members will be staying home as well. We are extra careful to keep our loved ones safe during this difficult time.

First, I am grateful for the love and support of family. We are all well and doing our part to stay healthy and safe. Additionally, I am grateful for the friendships I've made as a representative of the 84th District. Prior to COVID, I welcomed many of you as we visited during Monday morning coffees and during my numerous events, plus visiting my office. I have always enjoyed so many of those conversations. While I miss those in-person conversations, I am grateful that we have a means to continue our communication, whether it be through Facebook posts, Facebook Live, Zoom, a friendly text or a just an old-fashioned phone call. Those are just a few of the things I'm thankful for. I'm sure as I spend time with my family over the holiday, I'm sure I'll be reminded of many other blessings to be grateful for.

I hope all of you can take some time to consider all the positive things that remain in your lives at Thanksgiving and throughout upcoming holiday season. However you choose to celebrate this year, I hope you find the blessings that are surely there.

May you all have a happy and safe holiday.

Take care and be well,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephanie". The signature is fluid and cursive.



**Celebrating Thanksgiving**

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## Everyone Can Make Thanksgiving Safer

### Wear a mask

- Wear a mask with two or more layers to stop the spread of COVID-19.
- Wear the mask over your nose and mouth and secure it under your chin.
- Make sure the mask fits snugly against the sides of your face.

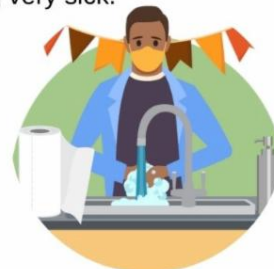


### Stay at least 6 feet away from others who do not live with you

- Remember that some people without symptoms may be able to spread COVID-19 or flu.
- Keeping 6 feet (about 2 arm lengths) from others is especially important for people who are at higher risk of getting very sick.

### Wash your hands

- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Keep hand sanitizer with you and use it when you are unable to wash your hands.
- Use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.



## Toys for Tots Drop Off Location

We are participating in the 2020 Toys for Tots program. Toys for Tots is a program run by the United States Marine Corps Reserve which distributes toys to children whose parents cannot afford to buy them gifts for Christmas. New, unwrapped toys are accepted (no stuffed animals please) at my district office located at 1677 Montgomery Road; #116, Aurora,

60504 Monday-Friday during business hours or contact us if you would like us to pick up [630.585.1308](tel:630.585.1308). Collections will be accepted through December 8, 2020.



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## Senior Meals

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We are continuing our Senior Meal Distribution in December. You must call to register [630.585.1308](tel:630.585.1308) or E-mail [Lori@ILDistrict84.com](mailto:Lori@ILDistrict84.com). Participants must reside in Kane County, 60 years of age or older. Current participants of Meals on Wheels are not eligible. Distribution date will be Monday December 7, 2020. Registration closes the Friday prior to meal pick up at noon.



Meals provided by  
Kane Senior Council

PLEASE  
STAY IN YOUR CAR



State Rep. Barbara Hernandez

Aurora Police Department

State Rep. Stephanie Kifowit



**CALL TO REGISTER**  
Registration closes  
Friday December 4th at 12:00pm

Rep. Kifowit  
630.585.1308 OR  
Rep. Hernandez  
630.270.1848

Adults who are 60+ & reside in Kane County are eligible for 5 frozen meals; you must call to register to be eligible to participate. Not eligible if currently enrolled in Meals on Wheels.

## SENIOR MEAL DISTRIBUTION DRIVE-THRU

- When: Monday December 7, 2020
- Where: Aurora Police Department
- 1200 E. Indian Trail Rd, Aurora, IL 60505
- Time: 11:00am-1:00pm
- Only Available Via Registration



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This temporary service may conclude at any time. For more information about Kane Senior Council call 630-338-0999 or email [info@kanesenioreouncil.org](mailto:info@kanesenioreouncil.org) or visit: [www.kanesenioreouncil.org](http://www.kanesenioreouncil.org)

## Join Me via ZOOM or on Facebook

I continue to host Monday Morning Coffee live via Facebook at 9:00am-10:00am where you can post your comments and questions. I realize not everyone has Facebook, if you would like to join us on Monday mornings, the good news is you have the option of doing so. You can join in via ZOOM which I will provide you with a link and you will be able to interact just as if you were on Facebook. Don't worry you will not be on live, your video feed and mic will be muted.

We will be emailing the ZOOM link to everyone for Monday morning separately.

If you would like to join us, please email [Michelle@ILDistrict84.com](mailto:Michelle@ILDistrict84.com) or call the office at 630.585.1308



## Drivers License Facilities Closed Through Monday December 7, 2020

Illinois Secretary of State Driver Services facilities statewide will be closed to the public for in person transactions effective Tuesday, Nov. 17 and will reopen on Monday, Dec. 7, 2020, due to the worsening COVID-19 pandemic. The public is encouraged take advantage of online services. 9 CDL (Commercial Driver License) facilities will remain open for CDL written and road exams. CDL driving tests are by appointment only by calling [217-785-3013](tel:217-785-3013). You can contact our office to assist you with any questions [630.585.1308](tel:630.585.1308). Additional information at Secretary of State [website](#).

# NOTICE

**Due to the worsening COVID-19 pandemic, Illinois Secretary of State Driver Services facilities statewide **ARE CLOSED** and will reopen on **Dec. 7, 2020**. Expiration dates for driver's licenses and ID cards have been extended until June 1, 2021. CDL holders are excluded.**

Please visit [www.cyberdriveillinois.com](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com) to conduct online services including:

- Renewing a license plate sticker;
- Renewing a valid driver's license for qualifying drivers;
- Renewing a valid ID card for those age 22-64 (seniors 65 and older have non-expiring IDs);
- Obtaining a driver record abstract;
- Filing Business Services documents, such as incorporations and annual reports; and
- Customers with issues involving administrative hearings may contact [adminhearings@ilsos.gov](mailto:adminhearings@ilsos.gov).

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SECRETARY OF STATE

**CYBERDRIVEILLINOIS.COM**

## Tier 3 Mitigation

# Effective Friday November 20, 2020

With COVID-19 spread now exponential in every region of the state, our statewide positivity rate at record highs and hospitalizations already surpassing our Spring peak, all 11 regions will move into Tier 3 effective November 20, 2020 at 12:01am. The new mitigation requirements to combat the surge of COVID-19 across Illinois are as follows:

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## Tier 3 Resurgence Mitigations

With a new wave of COVID-19 surging across the state of Illinois and the nation, the state is committed to listening to public health experts and following the science to keep people safe. Tier 3 builds on the Resurgence Mitigation Plan first released in July to suppress the spread of the virus and ensure our hospitals do not become overrun. This new tier aims to limit gatherings and encourages people to stay home to the greatest extent possible, while permitting some industries to remain open at significantly reduced capacities with proper safety measures in place. All detailed Phase 4 operational guidance remains in effect. Where Phase 4 guidance and Tier 3 Mitigations imply different standards, the more restrictive Tier 3 Mitigations will apply. School districts and local officials should follow extensive [guidance released by IDPH and ISBE](#) in August and make decisions related to in-person and remote learning at the local level, based on the unique needs of their communities. Child care facilities may continue to operate subject to [DCFS guidelines](#).

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SETTING	MITIGATION REQUIREMENTS
<b>Bars and restaurants</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All bars and restaurants close at 11pm and may reopen no earlier than 6am the following day</li><li>• No indoor service</li><li>• All bar and restaurant patrons should be seated at tables outside</li><li>• No ordering, seating, or congregating at bar (bar stools should be removed)</li><li>• Tables should be 6 feet apart</li><li>• No standing or congregating outdoors while waiting for a table or exiting</li><li>• No dancing or standing indoors</li><li>• No tables exceeding 6 people</li><li>• Reservations required for each party</li><li>• No seating of multiple parties at one table</li><li>• Indoor gaming terminals must suspend operations</li><li>• Includes private clubs and country clubs</li></ul>
<b>Health and fitness centers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Operate at no more than 25% capacity</li><li>• No indoor group classes</li><li>• Face coverings must be worn at all times, including while engaged in individual exercise regardless of person or machine spacing</li><li>• Reservations required</li><li>• Locker room areas should be closed</li></ul>
<b>Hotels</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hotel room occupancy should be limited to registered guests only, with the maximum allowance being the number of individuals permissible per existing fire code for each applicable guest room</li><li>• Fitness centers should be closed, or operated only on a reservation model with capacity limited to 25% of the maximum occupancy for the room</li><li>• Grab and go food allowed</li><li>• Event and meeting space closed</li></ul>

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