



INFORMATION FOR BUSINESSES DURING COVID-19

Governor Pritzker has issued a statewide Order to stay at home or place of residence effective March 21, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. [COVID-19 EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 8](#) Requirements are in addition to regulations defined in [COVID-19 EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 7](#). For further clarification read the [State of Illinois FAQ](#) and the [Illinois Municipal League FAQ](#).

- Governor Pritzker has announced three new programs to assist small businesses and the hospitality industry. Read more about these resources on the [State of Illinois Coronavirus Response For Business Website](#).
- Restaurants and merchants who wish to establish curbside service can utilize a public parking space to execute efficient operations. Each business may reserve one parking space near its front door (a regular space, not ADA) for "curbside pick-up only." This will ensure customers have a convenient place to park and helps advertise the curbside service. [City of Geneva Executive Order 2020-01](#) allows liquor license holders who currently serve food AND alcoholic beverages to provide such sales for carryout and/or pick-up. City has relaxed parking enforcement to facilitate efficient curbside service as established by businesses.
- City has relaxed temporary sign regulations during statewide restaurant and bar closures and assembly limitations for the purpose of advertising curbside service or other similar accommodations. Businesses can use A-Frame signs or other types of temporary signs displayed at the front of the curb to advertise curbside offerings. Traffic cones may be used to reserve a space.
- Daily fee parking in the Third Street Commuter Parking Deck and downtown commuter parking lots is free until further notice. Signage has been posted; no refunds will be issued for quarterly permit parking.
- City has suspended utility service disconnections for customers who cannot pay and is waiving new utility late payment charges until further notice.
- City has delayed the due date of liquor license renewal applications and fees from April 1 to May 1, without proration or penalty.
- The Illinois Liquor Control Commission has [extended license renewal dates](#) and has several resource documents on their [website](#) to answer questions and guide liquor license holders with compliance.
- The Small Business Administration (SBA) is receiving updated information on a daily basis regarding response from federal and state agencies to address the impact of COVID-19 on businesses. For assistance with SBA applications email Harriet Parker hparker@waubonsee.edu, Manager, Illinois Small Business Development Center.
 - The Small Business Administration (SBA) website has a list of resources to provide COVID- 19 [Guidance for Business and Employers](#).
 - IDCEO website has [COVID-19 for small businesses](#) information and guidance for essential operations.
 - [The Illinois Department of Public Health](#) provides Business and Organizational Guidelines.
 - SBA has provided guidelines regarding [low interest disaster assistance loans](#).
 - SBA has released a summary of its [Disaster Assistance Loan Webinar](#) with more information.
- Geneva Chamber of Commerce has a list of updates from restaurants about available services on its [website](#).

**SUBJECT TO AMENDMENT AS PER GUBERNATORIAL EXECUTIVE ORDER.*

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