



## Village of Lake in the Hills Press Release

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### **For Immediate Release**

Lake in the Hills, IL – All four regions of the state moved into the next phase of the Restore Illinois plan on Friday, May 29th. Following the guidelines and mandates issued by the State for Phase 3, the Village will implement the following changes:

- Village Hall, Public Works, and the Airport office will reopen to the public on Monday, June 1st with standard operating hours. Masks and facial coverings will be mandatory at each facility in accordance with the Phase 3 requirements. Informational signage will be posted at each facility to promote social distancing.
- Tennis courts will reopen for singles play only. Playgrounds, skate parks, basketball courts, and volleyball courts will remain closed. The Village Bark Park, trails, bike paths, and open spaces remain available for outdoor activity.
- Affiliate organizations that provide youth sports have been notified that fields are available for: “drills, practices, and lessons that do not involve contact between individuals and allow for 6-ft of social distancing to be maintained.” No competitive games are allowed at this time. Please reach out to athletic organizations to find out if they will resume their program offerings under these Phase 3 guidelines. A list of community organizations can be found at [lith.org](http://lith.org).

Essential services remain available via telephone, email, and through the Village website, [lith.org](http://lith.org). The Records Division in the upper lobby of the police station will continue reduced hours of operation from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday, until further notice. The lower level of the police station remains open 24/7. For more information, please visit [lith.org/coronavirus](http://lith.org/coronavirus).

Social distancing in Phase 3 is still the norm. As such, the Village encourages residents to take advantage of opportunities to conduct business through the Village website, such as making payments or applying for permits. Services available through the website may be found at [lith.org/resourcecenter](http://lith.org/resourcecenter).

### **COVID-19 Relief**

On Thursday, May 28th, the Lake in the Hills Village Board voted to extend the waiver of late fees and water shut offs for an additional 90 days through September 1st in order to provide continued COVID-19 financial relief to residents and businesses. The Village Board also gave direction to issue financial relief to the Lake in the Hills Property Owner’s Association, a non-profit organization, in the amount of \$2,500.

Previously, the Village donated \$5,000 to both the Grafton Food Pantry and the Algonquin/Lake in the Hills Interfaith Food Pantry. A \$35,975 relief package was also issued for restaurants, cafes, and other businesses by reducing liquor, video gaming, and tobacco license fees by 50%.

### **Expanded Outdoor Seating Options for Restaurants**

In light of the Governor's recent amendments to Phase 3 of the Restore Illinois plan to allow for on-premises outdoor dining and drinking, President Ruzanski issued Executive Order 2020-02, which is in effect until further notice. The order further expands the ability of bars and restaurants to provide its customers with space to enjoy food and/or beverages (including alcoholic beverages) purchased for wait service, carry-out or curbside pickup. In addition, the order expands hours of service on weekends, removes limitations on customer stays and consumption, and creates additional opportunities for business owners to present plans that best meet their operational needs. The executive order is available to view at [lith.org/coronavirus](http://lith.org/coronavirus).

All businesses that intend to establish such a dining space must submit a plan compliant with state and local regulations, including, but not limited to, the orders of the Governor of the State of Illinois, the aforementioned Executive Order 2020-02, and the Village's Municipal Code and Zoning Ordinance.

Businesses with previously approved plans that intend to make modifications as a result of the new order must re-submit their plan for consideration. With regards to proposals submitted for approval consideration, they must, at a minimum, comply with Section 2.A. #1-8 of the Executive Order. Plans should be submitted to Community Services Director Fred Mullard at [fmullard@lith.org](mailto:fmullard@lith.org).

The Village has received outside dining plans from six businesses at this time, including the Lake in the Hills American Legion Post #1231, Bistro Wasabi, Dino's Pizza, Moretti's, the Lake in the Hills Property Owners Association, and Woods Creek Tavern.

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Regular updates for the Village's actions taken in response to the COVID-19 outbreak are continually posted on [lith.org/coronavirus](http://lith.org/coronavirus) and on social media.

As always, the health and safety of the community is the Village's top priority. The public is strongly encouraged to take all precautions advised by the CDC and to follow all Restore Illinois guidelines to help slow the spread of COVID-19. A directory of community resources is available at [lith.org/coronavirus](http://lith.org/coronavirus).

**For questions regarding the COVID-19 virus, please call the Illinois Department of Public Health coronavirus hotline at 1-800-889-3931 or email [DPH.SICK@ILLINOIS.GOV](mailto:DPH.SICK@ILLINOIS.GOV) to have all Coronavirus questions answered.**

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