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A Message from IDOT Concerning COVID-19

The Illinois Department of Transportation is taking several steps to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, in keeping with our commitment to protect the health and safety of the public and our employees.

We take this obligation very seriously.

At IDOT, under the leadership of Gov. JB Pritzker, the agency will continue to focus on keeping infrastructure in safe and in good condition.

We remain open for business at this time with a special focus on our critical mission of maintaining a safe, reliable system of transportation for Illinois. Our roads and bridges are open and will stay open. Maintenance and operations staff remain on duty throughout the state, as usual, with the No. 1 goal again of providing safe, reliable transportation for all users.

Likewise, our rest areas remain open 24/7. Now, more than ever, this is a vital resource for motorists, truckers and other travelers in Illinois. The janitorial crews are diligently and frequently cleaning and disinfecting each facility. A few occasionally will be closed because of construction or maintenance issues. If we do have to close a building, the parking lots will remain open. We also are asking for a favor: Please dispose of your trash properly. Your cooperation to help keep rest areas as clean and safe as possible is much appreciated.

There are no plans to stop or suspend construction because of this health crisis. Workers who support the construction of critical or strategic infrastructure are considered essential by the Department of Homeland Security and have a special responsibility to maintain a normal work schedule. With our partners in industry, we will strive to keep this construction season on schedule.

We are continuing to maintain and support the popular www.GettingAroundIllinois.com to provide the latest on road conditions, ongoing projects and other important traveler information.



Public meetings in a shared space have been postponed until further notice and are being transitioned when possible to online platforms.

The department's personnel bureau is posting job openings and scheduling interviews at this time. Please visit the [Employment page](#) for more information.

Throughout this crisis, IDOT remains in constant contact with state health and emergency management officials to do its part during this global health situation.

Likewise, we will continue to ask the public and our employees to follow commonsense guidelines of practicing social distancing, wearing a mask when in public, washing your hands frequently and staying home when you're sick. The websites for the Illinois Department of Public Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are outstanding resources on what you can do to protect yourself and others.

Illinois is the transportation hub of the nation. With that distinction comes a huge responsibility that IDOT is prepared to meet of making sure the agency is providing essential services every day.

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Updates



New [Trucker Appreciation Events at Weigh Stations](#)

IDOT is working with groups to show appreciation to truck drivers by providing free food to truckers.

[Read More \(/about-idot/stay-connected/blog/trucker-appreciation-events\)](/about-idot/stay-connected/blog/trucker-appreciation-events)

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FAQs

- **Q: Have traffic volumes started to increase as we've moved into Phase 4?**
 - A: While overall traffic volumes are still down compared to 2019, they are increasing as we move through the phases of Restore Illinois.
- **Q: Are rest areas open?**
 - A: Yes, rest areas are open. They are being cleaned diligently and frequently. A few are closed because of construction or maintenance issues. If we do have to close a building, the parking lots will remain open. A map of rest areas and their status can be found at www.GettingAroundIllinois.com (<https://www.GettingAroundIllinois.com>) .
- **Q: When traveling, what are some key travel tips to follow?**
 - A: To minimize your possible exposure to the coronavirus while traveling, you are advised to maintain social distance from others you encounter, wear a mask or other face covering, limit your touching of surfaces and wash your hands immediately when you have returned home or somewhere with soap and water. Information regarding steps to take regarding travel can be found at the Illinois Department of Public Health's website (<https://www.dph.illinois.gov/>) .

- **Q: How do I pay my toll if there is no one manning the toll booths?**
 - A: Toll roads are under the jurisdiction of the Illinois Tollway, not IDOT. Information regarding paying tolls online can be found at www.illinoistollway.com (<https://www.illinoistollway.com>) .
- **Q: My driver's license is expiring. How can I renew it? What about my vehicle registration?**
 - Those services are performed by the Secretary of State. Information regarding those and other issues can be found at www.cyberdriveillinois.com (<https://www.cyberdriveillinois.com>) .
- **Q: Where can I find the status of a designated testing site for COVID-19?**
 - A: Please visit the state's coronavirus response testing site, www.coronavirus.illinois.gov (<https://www.coronavirus.illinois.gov>) , for information regarding testing sites, hours of availability and criteria to be tested. Please note hours of operation are subject to change due to testing availability. The website will be updated periodically as more testing sites become operational.
- **Q: What is the status of the Adopt-A-Highway program?**
 - A: Adopt-A-Highway groups may resume cleanup activities with additional guidelines in place to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. While normal program activities are resuming, Adopt-A-Highway groups are not obligated to clean their adopted section at this time. For more information on the additional guidelines visit the Adopt-A-Highway page (<http://idot.illinois.gov/about-idot/employment-opportunities/community-involvement/index>) by clicking here.
- **Q: Has IDOT made any changes in the process to get a permit to pull overweight and oversize loads?**
 - A: The waiver on overweight and oversize loads expired May 29. Normal permitting and restrictions are in place.
- **Q: What is the status of Amtrak state-supported trains?**
 - A: Effective Monday, June 29, the Hiawatha Service between Chicago and Milwaukee will run four round trips a day. Despite a reduction in frequencies, state-supported Amtrak trains are still running downstate and providing an essential mode of transportation. The state-supported downstate routes are Lincoln Service, Illini/Saluki and Illinois Zephyr/Carl Sandburg. More details can be found at www.Amtrak.com (<https://www.Amtrak.com>) .
- **Q: Are Illinois weigh stations still open and are trucks required to stop?**
 - A: Yes, all weigh stations are open. Trucks are required to stop.