

# Income Qualified EE Advisory Committee South

Monday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Time: 3:00PM – 5:00PM

Zoom Teleconference Call

## Meeting Background Information

### Meeting Objective

The purpose of this meeting is to convene IQ South based CBOs and CAAs to understand the urgent needs of these organizations as they transition out of COVID-19 related lockdowns. An additional goal is to translate Governor Pritzker's reopening plan into concrete steps for CBOs and CAAs to adopt. Ameren Illinois is also seeking to understand existing gaps and how they can best support CBOs and CAAs during the transitional period. This meeting will also share best practices on reopening safely for organization staff and community members.

### **Restore Illinois: 5-phase reopening plan by Governor Pritzker**

On May 7, 2020, Governor J.B Pritzker, of Illinois released a comprehensive plan for reopening the State of Illinois in five phases after meeting key benchmarks.<sup>1</sup> Building on data, science, and guidance from public health experts and after consulting with stakeholders across the state, Governor JB Pritzker announced Restore Illinois, a five-phase plan focused on saving lives, livelihood, and safely reopening Illinois. The *Restore Illinois* plan developed by Governor Pritzker splits Illinois into 4 regions. The five-phase plan is guided by public health metrics and is designed to provide a framework for reopening businesses, education, and recreational activities in each phase.<sup>2</sup>

It should be noted that the five-phase plan is based on regional healthcare availability and recognizes the distinct impact COVID-19 has had on different regions of our state as well as regional variations in hospital capacity. The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) has 11 Emergency Medical Services Regions that have traditionally guided its statewide public health work.<sup>3</sup> For the purposes of Restore Illinois, from those 11, four health regions are established, each with the ability to independently move through a phased approach: Northeast Illinois; North-Central Illinois; Central Illinois; and Southern Illinois.

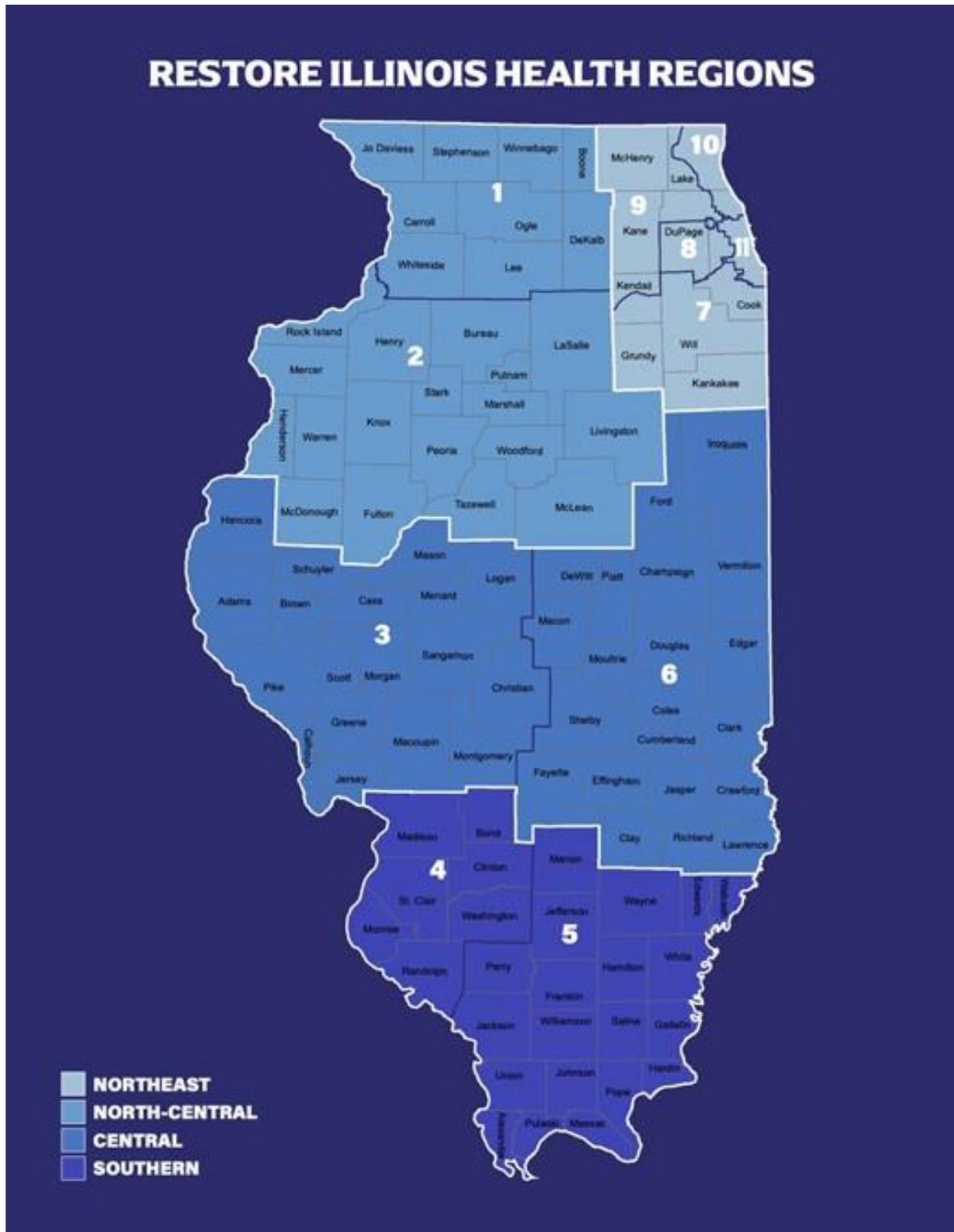
This initial plan can and will be updated as research and science develop and as the potential for effective treatments or vaccines is realized. The *Restore Illinois* plan developed by Governor Pritzker splits Illinois into 4 regions: Northeast, North-Central, Central, and South, allowing each to move separately through the phases as seen in the map below:

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<sup>1</sup> ABC Chicago, "Restore Illinois: 5-phase reopening plan by Governor Pritzker splits IL into 4 regions," Thurs, May 7, 2020. <https://abc7chicago.com/restore-illinois-plan-phases-regions-five/6159808/>

<sup>2</sup> "Restore Illinois." <https://abc7chicago.com/restore-illinois-plan-phases-regions-five/6159808/>

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Source: RESTORE ILLINOIS PLAN, OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Restore Illinois Reopening Phase	CBO/CAA Response and Additional Needs	Ameren IL Assistance Provided
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Phase 1</b></p> <p><u>Rapid Spread</u>: The rate of infection among those tested and the number of patients admitted to the hospital is high or rapidly increasing. Strict stay at home and social distancing guidelines are put in place and only essential businesses remain open.</p> <p>Every region has experienced this phase once already and could return to it if mitigation efforts are unsuccessful.</p>	<p><u>Response</u>: The CAAs have halted their weatherization programs and other programs that involve in-home assessments. The CBOs such as Senior Services Plus, who partner with Ameren IL on their Handyman Program have halted in-home EE programs. SF and MF programs continue to be accepted. CAAs started accepting applications for over the phone and online.</p> <p>CBOs and CAAs continue to provide critically needed programs for community members including Meals on Wheels, Food Pantries and Domestic Abuse Shelters.</p> <p>Additional needs to be determined during meeting.</p>	<p>Ameren IL initially halted all weatherization programs. Program Allies also halted in-person interaction. Ameren IL also shifted to virtual where possible including outreach (email, radio, and social media ads), assessments and inspections.</p> <p>Additional supportive steps (and updates) to be taken by Ameren IL will be determined during meeting.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Phase 2</b></p> <p><u>Flattening</u>: The rate of infection among those tested and the number of patients admitted to the hospital beds and ICU beds increases at an ever-slower rate, moving toward a flat and even a downward trajectory. Non-essential retail stores reopen for curb-side pickup and delivery.</p> <p>Illinoisans are directed to wear a face covering when outside the home, and can begin enjoying additional outdoor activities like golf, boating and fishing while practicing social distancing. To varying degrees, every region is experiencing flattening as of early May.</p>	<p>CAAs and CBOs have provided PPE where possible to staff-members still conducting critical programs.</p> <p>Additional needs and/or response to be determined during meeting.</p>	<p>Ameren IL has been working to provide PPEs for CBOs and CAAs providing critical programs during the crisis.</p> <p>Additional supportive steps to be taken by Ameren IL will be determined during meeting.</p>

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Phase 3</b></p> <p><b>Recovery:</b> The rate of infection among those tested, the number of patients admitted to the hospital, and the number of patients needing ICU beds is stable or declining. Manufacturing, offices, retail, barbershops and salons can reopen to the public with capacity and other limits and safety precautions.</p> <p>All gatherings limited to 10 or fewer people are allowed. Face coverings and social distancing are the norm.</p>	<p>CBOs and CAAs programs will now begin to reopen. Waiting rooms will be allowed to have less than 10 clients.</p> <p>Additional needs and/or response to be determined during meeting.</p>	<p>Additional supportive steps to be taken by Ameren IL will be determined during meeting.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Phase 4</b></p> <p><b>Revitalization:</b> The rate of infection among those tested and the number of patients admitted to the hospital continues to decline.</p> <p>All gatherings of up to 50 people are allowed, restaurants and bars reopen, travel resumes, childcare and schools reopen under guidance from the IDPH. Face coverings and social distancing are the norm.</p>	<p>CBOs and CAAs programs will continue to reopen. Waiting rooms will be allowed to have up to 50 clients.</p> <p>Additional needs and/or response to be determined during meeting.</p>	<p>Additional supportive steps to be taken by Ameren IL will be determined during meeting.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Phase 5</b></p> <p><b>Illinois Restored:</b> With a vaccine or highly effective treatment widely available or the elimination of any new cases over a sustained period, the economy fully reopens with safety precautions continuing.</p> <p>Conventions, festivals, and large events are permitted, and all businesses, schools, and places of recreation can open with new safety guidance and procedures in place reflecting the lessons learned during the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>	<p>CBOs and CAAs to reopen back to full operations. EE programs to be restored.</p> <p>Additional needs and/or response to be determined during meeting.</p>	<p>Additional supportive steps to be taken by Ameren IL will be determined during meeting.</p>

### **Meeting Structure**

- This will be a small group convening with IQ South CBOs and CAAs.
- The meeting will be held via Zoom teleconference call.
  - There will be option for video/webcam participation, though this is not mandatory.
- There will be a presentation by Walker Miller, CMC Energy, and Ameren Illinois on alternative program offerings being provided in response to COVID-19.
- There will be a panel presentation led by Resource Innovations and IACAA to review the State's Reopening Phases and to provide an overview on the Return to Work Plan for CAAs.
- There will be a small group breakout session with facilitated discussion to help determine how CBOs and CAAs will respond to each phase of the Restore IL Plan