



Honorable J.B. Pritzker
Governor, State of Illinois
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Dear Governor Pritzker,

On behalf of the residents and business owners of the Village of Glendale Heights, I respectfully request that you roll back the restrictions on indoor dining in DuPage County and across the State.

I cannot agree with the order to completely eliminate indoor dining operations. We need a sensible mitigation plan that supports the health and safety of our state without jeopardizing the livelihoods of the people and businesses that serve as the cornerstone of our communities. Earlier curfews and reduced occupancy levels are two examples of more reasonable measures.

Our restaurant owners, most small business men and women, barely survived the first shut-down this spring. Those that were lucky enough to reopen their doors invested a great deal of time, effort and funds to ensure that when indoor dining started again, they were able to provide a safe environment for the patrons. Patrons that are friends, co-workers and neighbors. These business owners are stakeholders in our community and are just as concerned with the health and safety of their customers as you and I.

Your metrics for reopening restaurants, 3 consecutive days with positivity of 6.5% or less, ensure that, in this resurgence of the virus, restaurants will remain closed for indoor dining at least a month but most likely longer. No small business can withstand that kind of loss in

revenue and expect to survive. Your plan takes lifetime dreams away from these small business owners.

We must rely on the good sense of our communities to take the proper precautions to ensure they do not continue to pass on the virus. I encourage you to be selective in shuttering a business. If an outbreak is attributed to a restaurant, shut that restaurant down for 14 days, but do not punish an entire segment of our economy.

Please continue to increase testing availability and provide individuals the tools to make decisions for themselves. Glendale Heights is working with IDPH to bring a mobile testing site to our community. We are also sponsoring flu vaccine clinics and have assisted the Northern Illinois Foodbank in distributing thousands of meals in our community. We stand ready to assist, provided that assistance is helping everyone and not harming valued members of our community.

Sincerely,



Linda Jackson
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