



Edwardsville Fire Chief Explains Guidelines For Phase 4 Revitalization

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EDWARDSVILLE - This is a more detailed explanation of Phase 4 Revitalization for Region 4, which includes Madison County and the City of Edwardsville.

Whiteford explained in Phase 4 masks and social distancing are still required but other limitations have been relaxed. Indoor dining and drinking is permitted for parties of up to 10 people.

More on the guidelines:

- Seated areas should be arranged so that tables allow for 6 feet between parties; impermeable barriers may be installed between booths which are less than 6 feet apart
- Standing areas (in restaurants or bars) should be limited to no more than 25% of standing area capacity
- Buffets and self-service food stations (e.g. hot and cold bars, bulk items, baked goods) should adhere to additional minimum guidelines
- Self-service beverage fountains are permissible with the additional precautions
- Establishments are encouraged to convert standing areas into seated areas to limit patrons from moving throughout the premise

Meetings and Social Events are permitted as follows

- Limit to the lesser of 50 people or 50% of room capacity
- Multiple groups may meet in the same facility if they are socially distanced and in separate rooms
- Groups should be static for duration of meeting or event. If event includes multiple sessions, participants should remain in one room, and speakers/ presenters should rotate between rooms or be digitally displayed (e.g. projected, livestreamed) in multiple rooms
- Dance floors should remain closed
- Food service should follow Restaurant and Bar guidelines