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Proposed *Restore Heart of Illinois* Reopening Plan

Peoria County – City of Peoria Mayor Jim Ardis, Peoria County Board Chairman Andrew A. Rand, and Peoria City/County Health Department Administrator Monica Hendrickson presented an overview of their proposed *Restore Heart of Illinois Reopening Plan* (Restore HOI) at a virtual press conference on Wednesday, May 13.

Multiple regional leaders also attended and gave their support to the plan. These include:

- James Dillon, Mayor, City of West Peoria
- Scott Harl, Mayor, City of Peru
- Mike Hinrichsen, President, Village of Germantown Hills
- John Kahl, Mayor, City of East Peoria
- Gary Manier, Mayor, City of Washington
- Kent McDowell, Mayor, City of Canton
- Mark Luft, Mayor, City of Pekin
- Mike Phelan, Mayor, Village of Peoria Heights
- Tari Renner, Mayor City of Bloomington
- Leon Ricca, Mayor, Village of Bartonville

This plan, submitted to the Governor’s Office and the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) last week, is still under review. Our region, along with the rest of the state, is still operating under Phase 2 of the Governor’s *Restore Illinois* plan.

The *Restore HOI* plan identifies a phased-reopening for a sub-region of the larger North-Central Health Region. This sub-region, identified as the Heart of Illinois, is comprised of the following counties: Peoria, Tazewell, Woodford, Fulton, Marshall, Stark, McLean, Livingston, Bureau, Putnam, and LaSalle.

Business owners are encouraged to review both the *Restore HOI* plan and the statewide *Restore Illinois* plan in order to plan for their eventual reopening. These plans include creating protocols and procedures that keep staff and customers safe with respect to public health, as well as taking into consideration if they are licensed by a State of Illinois agency.

Residents and business owners can view the proposed *Restore HOI* plan and slideshow presentation from today’s press conference at www.peoriagov.org, www.peoriacounty.org, and www.pcchd.org/covid19.

The *Restore Illinois* plan is available to view at <https://bit.ly/2WOqQP4>.

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