



**Monday, May 11, 2020
5:30 PM
City Council Chambers**

SPECIAL MEETING CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

NOTICE. MEETING MODIFICATION DUE TO COVID-19

Pursuant to Governor Pritzker's Executive Order 2020-07 suspending the requirements of the Illinois Open Meetings Act requiring in-person attendance by members of a public body for the duration of the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation, members of the Decatur City Council and senior staff will be participating in this meeting through a Zoom video and audio link. The Mayor and essential members of the City staff will be physically present in the City Council Chambers, and pursuant to Governor's Executive Order No. 2020-10 and CDC guidelines, no more than ten (10) people will be allowed in the City Council Chambers at any one time. Members of the media have been provided notice of this and other city meetings and may be given priority to attend the meeting. However, members of the media are encouraged to view the meeting remotely on the city's live video link, available on the city's website or via Government Channel 18. To facilitate media coverage, and after the meeting, in-person city representatives will make themselves available for comments and questions using social distancing. The City Council Chambers will be open to those wishing to personally attend through the normal public entrance on the west side of the Chambers, but no more than ten (10) people may be in the chambers at any one time, social distancing rules will be observed, and audience members must sit in the rear half of the seating area to create a separation zone between public seating and the in-person city participants of the meeting. The podium for Appearance of Citizens has been moved to the rear of the chamber. Persons arriving after ten (10) people have already entered the chambers will be asked to wait in the anteroom of the City Council Chambers where they can watch the live feed and wait until a seat is made available by the departure of one or more of the ten (10) people already in the chamber. Public comments can be emailed in advance of the meeting to the City Clerk at kalthoff@decaturil.gov, and will be provided to the City Council and others requesting them. Self-produced videos of no more than three minutes that include the name and image of the speaker, will be aired if they are received by the City Clerk by 3:00 pm on the day of the meeting and conform to the council's existing rules.

I. Call to Order

1. Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Study Session: Study Sessions are less formal meetings of the City Council called to discuss broad policy themes and obtain input from the governing body about proposals and initiatives that are still being developed. No formal votes are taken at Study Sessions, and no informal directions expressed at Study Sessions bind the City Council, or its individual members, to vote in a certain manner at a future City Council meeting. The Mayor will accept public comments at different times on the agenda topics below as council and staff discussions proceed. Members of the public should limit their remarks to three (3) minutes, unless granted additional time by the council.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND BUDGET PLANNING DUE TO COVID-19

III. Adjournment

City Clerk

DATE: 5/8/2020

MEMO:

TO: Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe
City Council Members

FROM: Scot Wrighton, City Manager

SUBJECT: FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND BUDGET PLANNING DUE TO COVID-19

SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION: See transmittal memo and attachments.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
Study Session Memo	Backup Material
Recovery Shapes Power Point	Backup Material
Swoosh Shaped Recovery	Backup Material
CBO Projections	Backup Material
Market Update	Backup Material
IML Revenue Forecasts	Backup Material
Revenue Projections	Backup Material
Capital Matrix	Backup Material
Covid Survey Results	Backup Material
Restore Illinois	Backup Material

May 8, 2020

TO: Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe & Members of the City Council

FROM: Scot Wrighton, City Manager

RE: May 11, 2020 Council Study Session

The COVID-19 Pandemic disrupts many financial planning assumptions upon which the city of Decatur's FY 2020 budget was founded. Sales taxes, income taxes, food & beverage taxes, video gaming revenues, motor fuel tax receipts, parking fines, hotel/motel taxes and many other revenue categories are directly impacted by the Stay-at-Home order. Other revenue categories will likely be indirectly impacted or delayed: property taxes, utility revenues, some intergovernmental transfers, and others.

Quantifying the extent of financial impact on Decatur city budgets is problematic for several reasons:

1) **We do not know when the emergency will end and how long it will take for the local economy to rebound.** *The renewed Stay-at-Home order runs through May 30 but could be extended. The rate at which Decatur and Macon County move through gradual re-opening phases of the "Restore Illinois" plan is hard to predict. We do not know how many businesses will be able to reopen even when they are given the clearance to do so; nor do we know how quickly people idled by the pandemic will be able to return to their jobs or obtain alternative employment.*

2) **Relief funding is in flux, and there are normal delays in reporting.** *Actual Macon County-specific data from the period following the initial March 20 Stay-at-Home order is still largely unavailable due to normal reporting and processing delays. The CARES Act includes several special categories of relief funding (first responders' equipment, transit systems, etc.) which we are in the midst of seeking. There is no general relief funding for the revenue shortfalls municipal governments will face as there has been for small businesses—but it has been proposed in some of the latest relief bills now circulating in Congress.*

3) **There is wide variation in local circumstances making city-to-city comparisons unreliable.** *Most other Downstate Illinois home rule cities have a regional shopping mall in their jurisdictions, but Decatur does not. A large state university whose students have all gone home is not a primary anchor of the local Macon County economy. As of now, most of Decatur's industrial and manufacturing employers are still in operation (the local unemployment rate for March was actually below the same March rate last year).*

Some analysts follow a "V" shaped, "U" shaped or "W" shaped model to predict funding gaps and recovery rates. Our analysis follows a "L" or "checkmark" model (also called the Nike Swoosh; see graphic illustrations in power point). The "checkmark" model assumes a steep decline followed by a slow and gradual return to economic normalcy (but not full restoration of pre-pandemic economic activity), with below pre-pandemic performance extending into 2021. Despite the uncertainty shrouding any statistical analysis of impending financial impacts on the Decatur budget, staff has proceeded with its research using inputs from other cities and the Illinois Municipal League (see attached), and a category by category analysis of revenue source changes (see attached). Using this approach, we predict a revenue shortfall in the General Fund exceeding \$5.4 million in 2020, with additional shortfalls in 2021.

After reviewing the forecasting documents provided, it is recommended that the City Council move next to develop a roadmap for moving forward consisting of a timetable and budget revision scenarios.

TIMETABLE

It is recommended that the City Council provide direction and guidance to staff in the May 11 Study Session, or as soon as possible thereafter, about initial actions to be undertaken to alter the budget and financial planning decisions for both 2020 and 2021. It is further recommended that the City Council convene another financial planning study session in July when more Decatur-specific data is available. Additional actions to keep the city on a sound financial footing will likely be required at that time. Based on updates to our financial planning model and the effect of changes made as a result of the May and July council study sessions, it is recommended that the City Council begin work in September to assemble a proposed FY 2021 budget (final adoption in December 2020) that assumes the economic impacts of COVID-19 will have a profound influence on the 2021 budget as well.

BUDGET REVISION SCENARIOS

The brunt of the COVID-19 impact will be felt by the General Fund. The General Fund supports most of the city's staffing costs. It is also recommended that the City Council prepare for three levels of funding gap severity. Level #1 navigates the crisis using spending reductions, transfers and other strategies to adjust the budget, but without the need for involuntary staff cuts. It is recommended that we proceed first with Level #1 strategies before enacting more severe measures. The details of this Level #1 approach are listed below. Level #2 would be required if Level #1 measures are insufficient to meet the new budget targets and would include involuntary staff reductions, service terminations or cutbacks, and intra- or inter-agency mergers of services, departments and divisions. If more draconian measures are required in the future, Level #3 could include debt issuance to fund operating expenses and interfund transfers from enterprise and special purpose funds. While both Level #2 and Level #3 measures are harsh (and hopefully avoidable), I consider Level #2 measures less draconian than Level #3 because they deal with the funding shortfall in the present, whereas Level #3 measures defer the financial impacts of the shortfall to the future (when the city would face additional debt service, utility rate increases, deferred maintenance capital backlogs, etc.).

To fund a gap of \$5.4 million in the General Fund without involuntary staff reductions requires aggregating numerous financial strategies, and these Level #1 measures may not be sufficient if the assumptions on which they are based prove to be too optimistic. But the City Council could proceed with these measures and then re-assess whether they will be sufficient at the next financial crisis study session in July. Notes regarding each of the nine measures below follow the summary.

Level #1: Multi-Faceted Strategies for Bridging the COVID-19-created funding gaps in 2020 & 2021:

1. Refinance and restructure the city's long-term debt

General Fund 2020: \$	-0-	Non-General Fund 2020: N/A
General Fund 2021: \$	140,000	Non-General Fund 2021: N/A

2. Anticipated relief funding from the State and Federal governments

General Fund 2020: \$	250,000	Non-General Fund 2020: N/A
General Fund 2021: \$	150,000	Non-General Fund 2021: N/A

3. Establish an Employees' Clinic (& other measures) to reduce group health care costs

General Fund 2020: \$	125,000	Non-General Fund 2020: N/A
General Fund 2021: \$	350,000	Non-General Fund 2021: N/A

4. Eliminate/Restrict “non-essential” expenditures

General Fund 2020: \$1,850,000	Non-General Fund 2020: N/A
General Fund 2021: \$ 600,000	Non-General Fund 2021: N/A

5. Temporarily reduce funding to police & fire pension funds

General Fund 2020: \$ 150,000	Non-General Fund 2020: N/A
General Fund 2021: \$ 525,000	Non-General Fund 2021: N/A

6. Delay some planned capital expenses based on new decision matrix

General Fund 2020: \$ -0-	Non-General Fund 2020: N/A
General Fund 2021: \$ 150,000	Non-General Fund 2021: N/A

7. Modest Revenue Enhancements

General Fund 2020: \$ 100,000	Non-General Fund 2020: N/A
General Fund 2021: \$ 250,000	Non-General Fund 2021: N/A

8. Use of Non-General Fund Internal Service Funds supported by the General Fund

General Fund 2020: \$1,000,000	Non-General Fund 2020: N/A
General Fund 2021: \$ 150,000	Non-General Fund 2021: N/A

9. Use of the General Fund Restricted Reserve

General Fund 2020: \$2,000,000	Non-General Fund 2020: N/A
General Fund 2021: \$2,500,000	Non-General Fund 2021: N/A

TOTAL GENERAL FUND 2020: \$5,435,000
 TOTAL GENERAL FUND 2021: \$4,855,000

NOTES to Level #1:

1. Refinance and restructure the city’s long-term debt: The City Council recently hired a new bond underwriter that has started the process of refinancing certain debt instruments. We have calculated that these efforts will principally benefit Non-General Fund debt costs. There will be a benefit to the General Fund to the extent that it will not have to backstop as much of the downtown improvement debt, but even this benefit will not occur until FY 2021.
2. Anticipated relief funding from the State and Federal governments: The city has already received approval to obtain some program and project specific funding from emergency funding bills, and these types of revenues are anticipated here. This calculation assumes no funding from yet-to-be approved federal funding that promises to address our General Fund gaps.
3. Establish an Employees’ Clinic (& other measures) to reduce group health care costs: Group health care costs will see some decrease due to employee attrition and delays in non-emergency medical procedures due to COVID-19. But most of this savings comes from net projected savings that will accrue from the creation of a new employee clinic.
4. Eliminate/Restrict “non-essential” expenditures: The aggregate projected savings from cancelling planned vehicle purchases, delayed software upgrades, training and travel cancellations, net savings from not replacing 3 fire inspectors, and other miscellaneous expenses. This total DOES NOT include (but could include) deferring a new fire ladder truck and postponing work on fire stations #3 and #7 (although grant funds are restricted to this use).
5. Temporarily reduce funding to police & fire pension funds: The city has historically funded its fire and police pensions at or above the 100% level, but the law requires that we fund no less than 90%. With the current year tax levy already set, these savings would mostly occur in 2021.
6. Delay some planned capital expenses based on new decision matrix: The packet material includes a matrix for deciding what capital projects can be considered for delay, and project list. But this analysis does nothing for the General Fund in 2020.
7. Modest Revenue Enhancements: When the economy is strained is not generally the best time for revenue enhancements, unless they are user-fee based or paid primarily by those benefitting from city services that they are not paying for now: targeted user fees, fees assessed against non-residents, special benefit fees, vacant and foreclosure fees, etc.
8. & 9. Restricted reserves are for use in unplanned emergencies—such as the one we find ourselves in now. However, it is recommended that the council not exhaust more than half of the restricted General Fund reserve over the next two years. Reserves in the insurance and risk management funds can make substantial contributions, but only in 2020, without significantly deferring costs to the future.

Level #2: More Severe Cost Reduction Measures:

In addition to involuntary staffing reductions, service terminations or cutbacks, and intra- or inter-agency mergers of services, departments and divisions—Level #2 reductions would also have to include an examination of subsidies the city supplies to Macon County Animal Control, the Civic Center, the Convention and Visitors Bureau and other direct city-to-agency external subsidies. Labor contracts require that any layoffs be in inverse order of seniority (although management will meet with employee groups in advance to discuss alternative approaches to reducing salary costs if going to Level #2 cutbacks is required). A list of potential service terminations, service cutbacks, and intra- or inter-agency mergers or services will be provided at the July study session if it is determined that they must be considered. The aggregate cost of external subsidies exceeds \$1.5 million per year.

Closing Comments:

The nine components that make up the Level #1 proposed gap eliminations is not meant to be an exhaustive list. Council members may wish to delete some items or suggest others that are not listed here. That is the council prerogative. Alternative ideas for all three levels should be brought to the table at the study session. In general, however, I recommend a set of strategies (Levels 1, 2 and 3) that get progressively more severe—to be implemented as actual conditions and the City Council determine—to serve as the framework for managing budget impacts as we move forward.

Although city-to-city comparisons are problematic, as noted above, our projected losses are in range of those projected elsewhere. The city of Peoria projects a financial hit to their General Fund of more than \$8 million per year, and the city of Bloomington projects a \$5 million deficit to their General Fund for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2020.

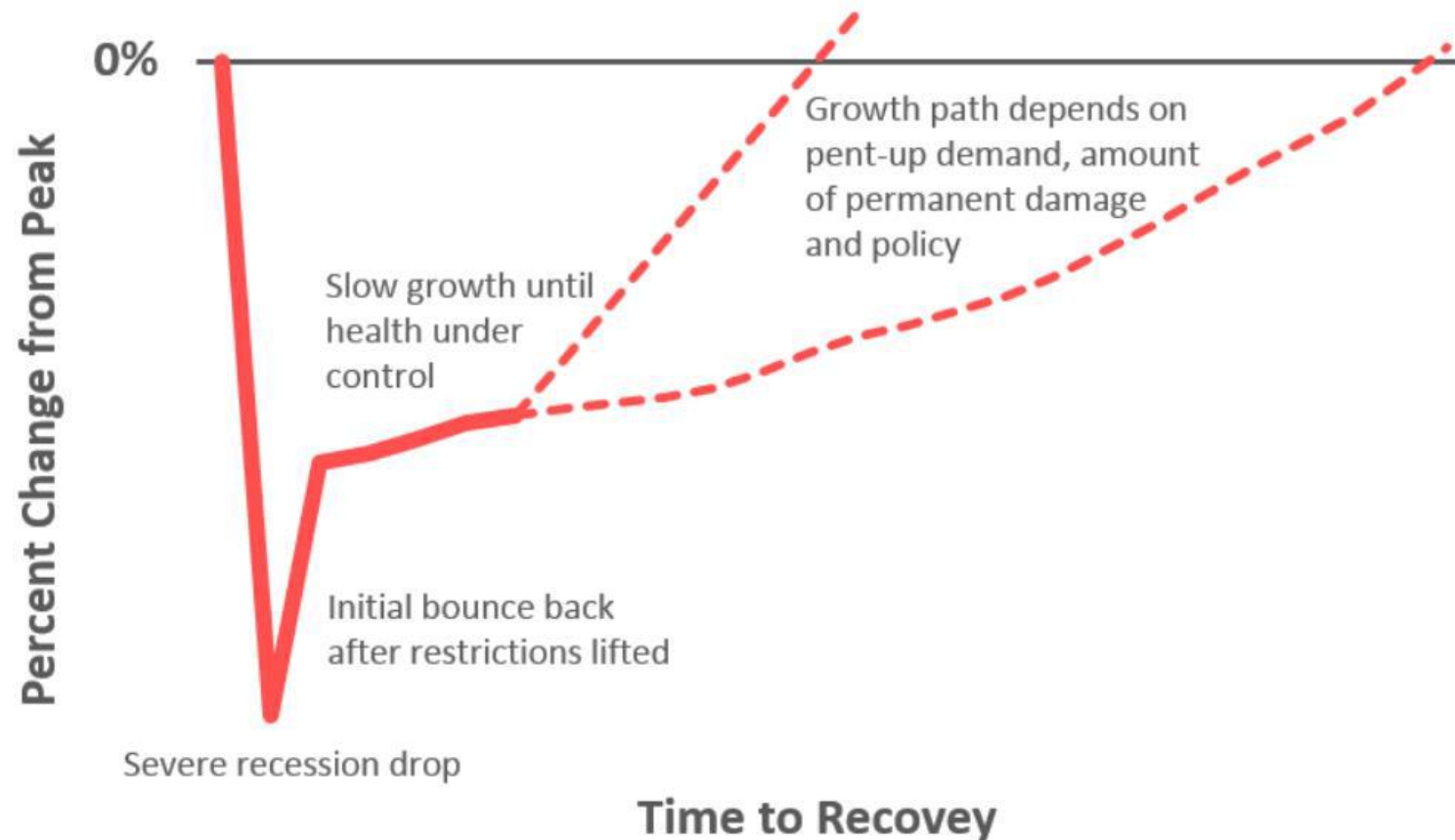
Although the city's financial planning policies are the principal topic of the May 11 study session, Decatur's ability to return to a "new normal" will also depend on how quickly we can move from Phase 2 to Phase 3, and then from Phase 3 to Phase 4, in the Governor's "Restore Illinois" plan. This progress directly impacts our financial planning model. A copy of the plan is attached. The Crisis Communication Team, and other health care and governmental entities in Macon County, are discussing the best ways to accelerate our progress through the phases, and they will likely make recommendations in the near future. But if time during the study session permits, the City Council could also discuss their ideas for implementing the recovery plan.

Attachments:

1. Power Point Slides
2. "The Recovery may be Shaped Like the Nike Swoosh," CNN, May 6, 2020.
3. "New CBO Projections Suggest Even Bigger State Shortfalls," Center on Budget & Policy Priorities, April 29, 2020.
4. IPRIME Market Update, PMA Asset Management, LLC, May 2020.
5. IML memo dated May 4 on Preliminary Revenue Forecasts for Illinois municipalities.
6. General Fund revenue analysis and shortfall projections.
7. Decision Matrix for possible delay of capital infrastructure projects in pandemic
8. Community Survey Results
9. Governor Pritzker's May 5 "Restore Illinois" plan

The unknowns of the economic recovery

COVID-19: The Square Root Recovery?



The purpose of today's study session

1

Offer initial projections about potential financial impacts of COVID-19 on our budget

2

Explore phases of response, from forecasting to cutbacks to policy solutions

3

Share strategies and priorities for addressing this emergency budget uncertainty

What Cities Our Size are Seeing –

National League of Cities survey (April 1-7, 2020)



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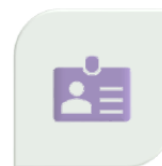
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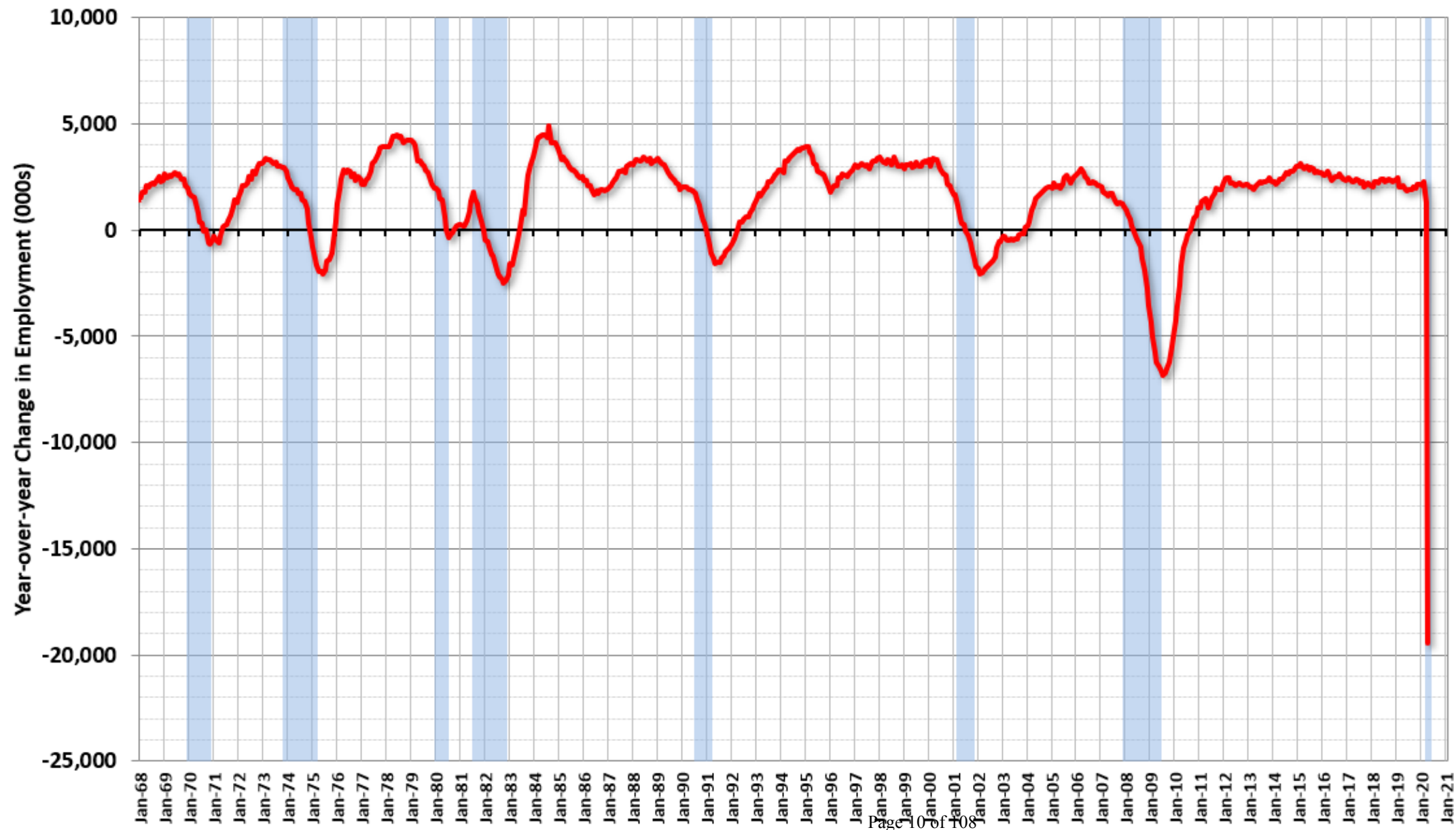


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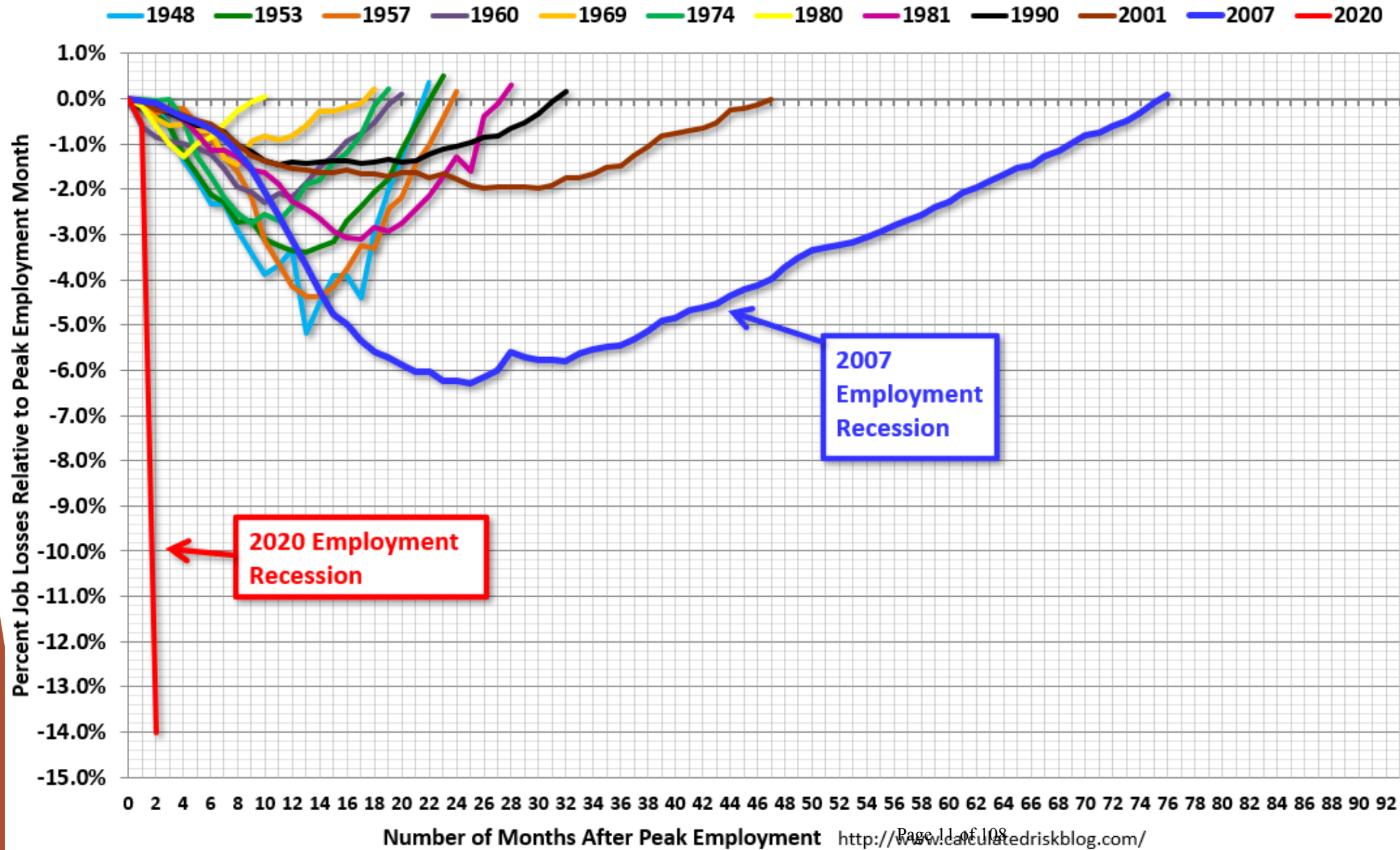


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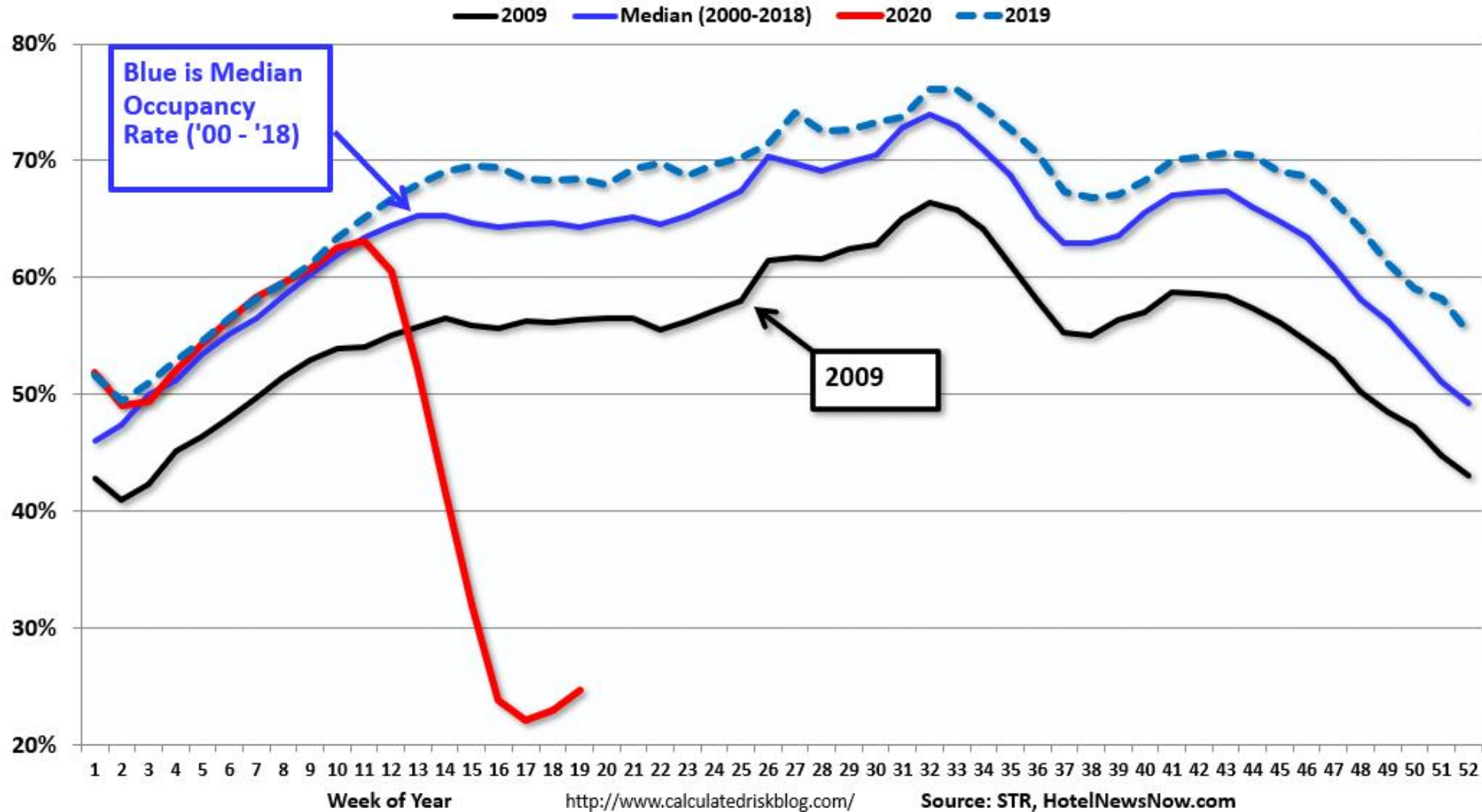
Year-over-Year Change in Employment



Percent Job Losses in Post WWII Recessions



Hotel Occupancy Rate by Week of Year (4 week moving average)



What business leaders should look for in coming weeks

There are three questions business leaders are asking, and a small number of indicators that can give clues

Depth of disruption

How deep are the demand reductions?



Length of disruption

How long could the disruption last?



Shape of recovery

What shape could recovery take?



Indicators

Epidemiological

- Time to implement social distancing after community transmission confirmed
- Number of cases – absolute (expect surge as testing expands)
- Geographic distribution of cases relative to economic contribution

Economic

- Cuts in spending on durable goods (e.g., cars, appliances)
- Extent of behavior shift (e.g., restaurant spend, gym activity)
- Extent of travel reduction (% flight cancellations, travel bans)

- Rate of change of cases
- Evidence of virus seasonality
- Test count per million people
- % of cases treated at home
- % utilization of hospital beds (overstretched system recovers slower)
- Availability of therapies
- Case fatality ratio vs. other countries

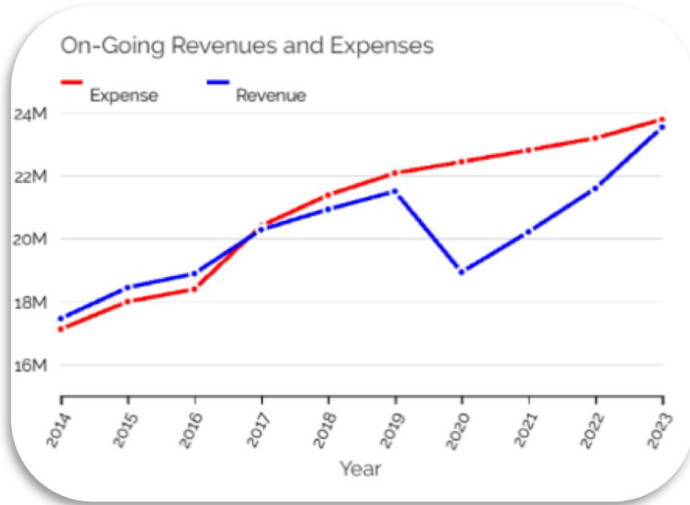
- Late payments/credit defaults
- Stock market & volatility indexes
- Purchasing managers index
- Initial claims for unemployment

- Effective integration of public health measures with economic activity (e.g. rapid testing as pre-requisite for flying)
- Potential for different disease characteristics over time (e.g. mutation, reinfection)

- Bounce-back in economic activity in countries that were exposed early in pandemic
- Early private and public sector actions during the pandemic to ensure economic restart

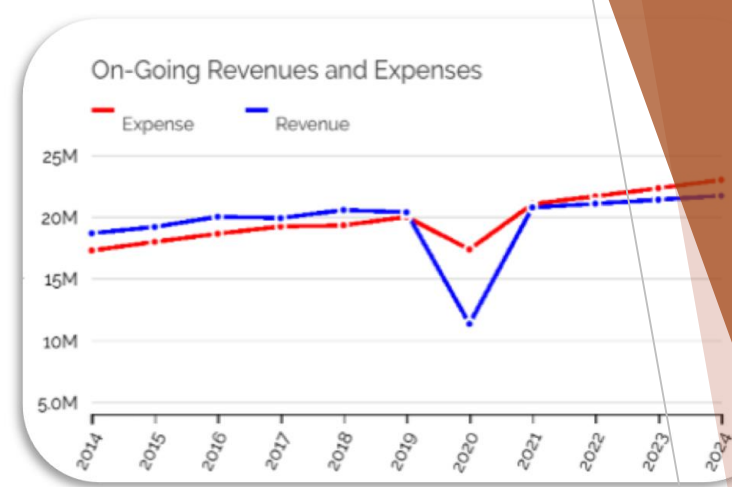
"v" shaped recovery

- Rebound is swift, but not easy
- Short-term, quick fixes could bridge the gap to recovery



Big "V" recovery

- Downturn is deeper, but bounceback is rapid
- Short-term bridge strategies apply



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reinventing fiscal analytics

SCENARIO PLANNING

"W" recovery

- A short-term recovery, but a return of infection in fall
- Longer-term strategies to endure and transform

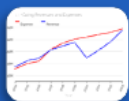


"L" recovery

- Recovery is stalled by deeper economic woes
- Long-term transformation strategies needed asap



"v" shaped recovery



- Rebound is swift, but not easy
- Short-term, quick fixes could bridge the gap to recovery

☐	Diminish / Eliminate Variances	review trend data in budget to actuals (and budget to budget, actuals to actuals too) and interview departments to determine where variances could be reduced to lessen projected expenses.
☐	Vacancies	inventory vacant positions (and, if you have PBBi data, identify the programs that vacant positions are tied to). Implement a temporary freeze on vacancies, especially non-essential vacancies, or vacancies tied to lower priority programs.
☐	Inventory Reserves	often times, for good reason, individual departments begin to build reserves for unexpected contingencies (so they don't have to wait on central administration for approvals). Explore reserves in IT, Facilities, Fleet and consider if multiple reserves are redundant.
☐	Review Capital Plan	explore one-time opportunities to suspend minor/major capital expenses, in order to free up resources to bridge a one-time short-fall (only appropriate for one-time, short-term strategy to create a "bridge" to recovery)
☐	Temporary Pay Freezes	temporarily suspend pay increases
☐	Incentivize Retirement	use one-time resources to help provide an incentive to workers who may wish to retire (and if you have PBBi data, focus where staff are supporting programs with a direction of "service level decrease")
☐	Slow Cash Flow	Examine and experiment with opportunities to slow expenses as outlined in "Cash is King" (GFOA)

Deeper "V" recovery



- Downturn is deeper, but bounce-back is rapid
- Short-term bridge strategies apply

☐	Internal Service Funds / Full Cost Allocation	Help distribute expenses to the departments who use services provided by internal support functions like IT, Facilities, Fleet and others (sometimes housed in the General Fund)
☐	Furloughs, pay decrease	Furloughs, or temporary reduction in compensation could be opportunities for staff to keep employment (and possibly benefits) and return to work efficiently when the short-term recovery returns
☐	"Loan" from Reserves, Sinking Funds	often times, for good reason, individual departments begin to build reserves for unexpected contingencies (so they don't have to wait on central administration for approvals). Explore reserves in IT, Facilities, Fleet and consider if multiple reserves are redundant.
☐	Defer / Temporarily Suspend One-time Expenses	Identify one-time expenses that are less time-sensitive. For example, while you may wish to preserve and prioritize funding for regular asset management programs because they'll save you money in the long-term, short-term suspension of new construction or fleet replacement or new facilities could free up resources to bridge-the-gap
☐	Service Level Reductions	What services could be provided at a lesser level, even if temporarily
☐	Program Partnerships	Are there opportunities to leverage partners – a.) internally throughout the organization (program consolidation, centralization), or b.) externally with other public sector, non-profit or even private sector partners to leverage, providing programs efficiently multi-party collaboration/ consolidation
☐	Temporary Service Suspension	Are there programs to suspend, even temporarily, to free up resources

“W” shaped recovery



- A short-term recovery, but virus returns for a second wave
 - Longer-term strategies to endure and transform

☐	Service Level Decrease (Temporarily)	We need to continue to provide this service, but we can be flexible with the level of service (think “records management, or FOIA requests, or signage, etc)
☐	Option to Suspend (Temporarily)	If we had to, we could suspend this service, even if temporarily (think “aquatic center at the parks” or passport processing)
☐	Internal Partnership, Consolidation	Internal partnership, centralization, consolidation opportunities exist for this program (think inspections, fleet, IT support)
☐	Regional Partnership	We are better off still providing this program, but with regional partners in order to maintain our level of service, but do it for less (think regional fleet maintenance, facilities maintenance, etc)
☐	Program Efficiency	Identify all ways to provide the program more efficiently (even if there are one-time costs associated with achieving the overall reduction in program costs)
☐	Full Cost Recovery (Rates, Charges for Service)	If ever there was a time when cost recovery options could be more palatable, for programs that could charge a fee for service to recover the full cost of providing the service, call these programs into question
☐	Grant Funding, Philanthropic	Identify and track costs for COVID response, grant recovery options

“L” recovery



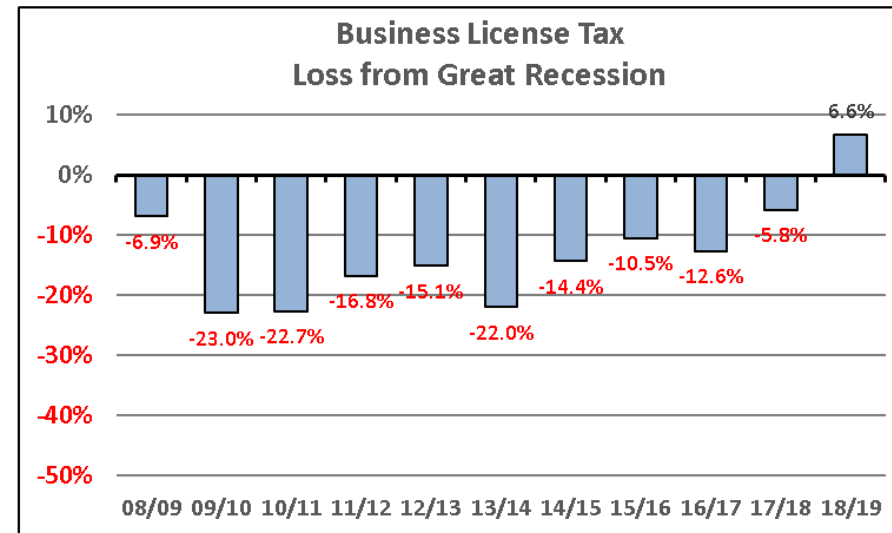
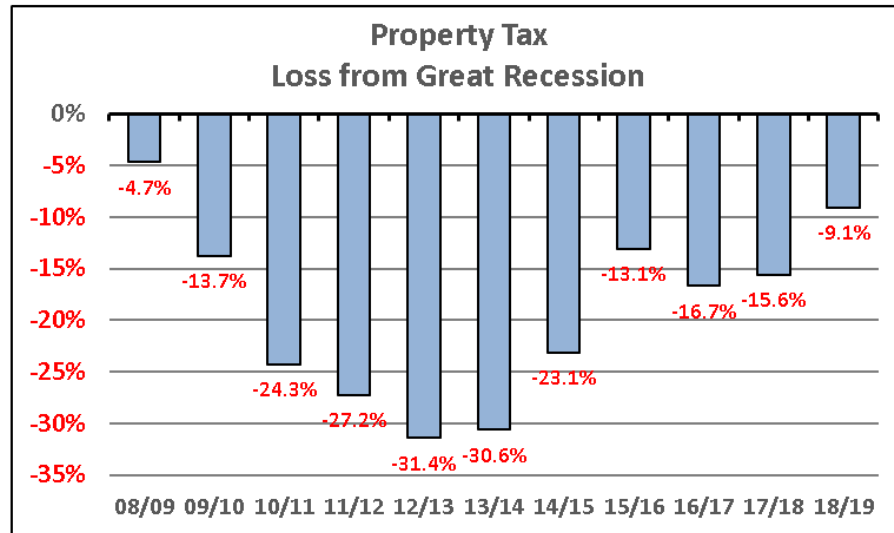
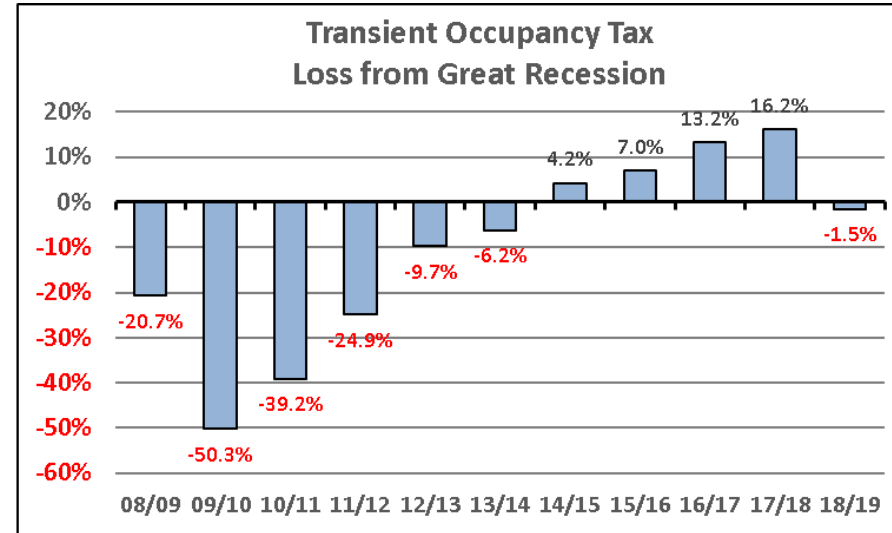
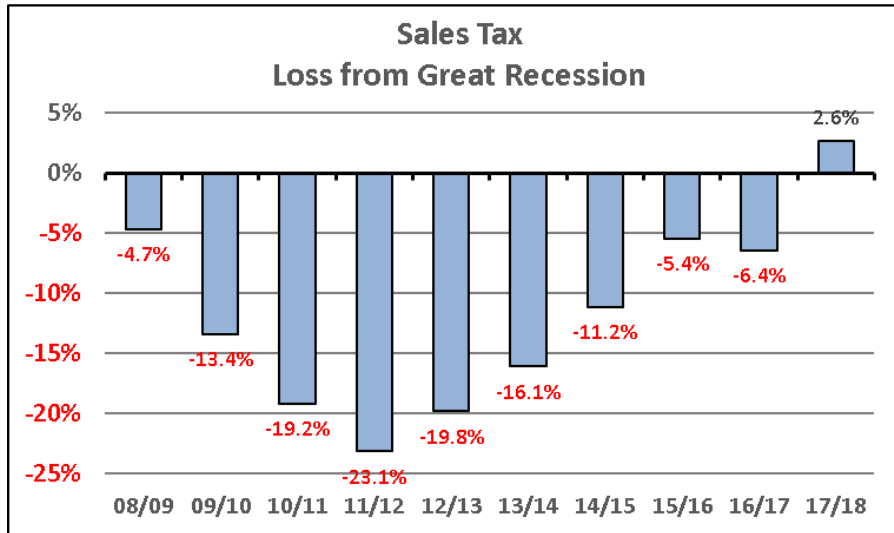
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☐	Internal Consolidation, Centralization	We need to continue to provide this service, but we can be flexible with the level of service (think “records management, or FOIA requests, or signage, etc)
☐	Regional In-sourcing (revenue)	Entrepreneurially, are there opportunities to in-source programs entirely to provide to another entity, as a more efficient model of service delivery where one organization is positioned better to provide the service regionally. This would be a revenue generating opportunity to the in-sourcing organization, and ideally an efficiency (resourcing the service, for less) to both entities given the economy of scale that could be produced.
☐	Regional Collaboration	Opportunistically, are there opportunities that take the form of advantageous out-sourcing – where one could imagine getting services off of their plate, reducing the need for their own organization to provide a service if it could be provided by their neighbor. And in turn, allow the organization to “free up and reallocate” their own resources towards the high priority pursuits (new programs they need to launch, or current services that need enhancement) that they may not be able to fund today.
☐	Programmatic Shared Services Merger / Consolidation	Are there programs ideal for merging across entities (much like Washington County WI’s “Counties without Borders” initiative)
☐	On top of all solutions to v, V, W	All solutions apply for v, V or W

Why the shape matters

- ▶ Each of these depicted shapes of the recovery require a different response.
- ▶ The “v” shapes require more short term solutions, vs. the “w” or swoosh shapes, which require some short term fixes but also more long term solutions with sustained cost reductions for future budget years.
- ▶ Each of these shapes represents different opportunities to right size the budget for the economic trajectory that we are ultimately going to experience.
- ▶ We ultimately do not know where we are on, any of these shapes; meaning are we still on the downward slope, are we at the bottom, or are we starting recovery already with the recent relaxation of stay at home order?
- ▶ This is unprecedented, as our economy has never been put into a government induced coma, which drives this recovery uncertainty.
- ▶ Consumer confidence is key to the shape of our recovery of our economy both locally and nationally.

Examples of specific revenues with different recovery shapes from previous recession



Each revenue sources could take different recovery shapes

The economic recovery may be shaped like the Nike swoosh

By [Paul R. La Monica](#), CNN Business
Updated 7:49 AM ET, Wed May 6, 2020

New York (CNN Business)The Covid-19 pandemic has likely sent the United States into a recession. America's economy contracted in the first quarter and the pain is expected to be even worse for the second quarter.

Now economists and market experts are debating how strong the eventual rebound will be. The answer may have something to do with basketball star Michael Jordan.

It's probably too optimistic to expect a classic V-shaped recovery, with its quick bottom and steep comeback. The same goes for a U-shaped rebound, where it takes longer to hit bottom but the recovery is still sharp.

And some say it may be too pessimistic to expect a W-shaped recovery, where there is a strong and fast comeback followed by another economic dip.

The Air Jordan recovery

Instead, the recovery could be shaped more like a Nike swoosh. The bottoming out process may take a little longer to take hold, but once the rebound starts it would be steady and gradual.

In other words, it could look like the Nike logo -- popularized during Jordan's heyday with the Chicago Bulls and his eponymous line of Nike clothing, starting with Air Jordan athletic shoes in 1984.

"I think we're going to see a Nike swoosh shape as we work our way out of this crisis. We had a hard, fast drop in March, and I think how we bounce back will be a long, steady inching up through the end of 2020," said Steve Rick, chief economist at CUNA Mutual Group, in a report last month.

That kind of comeback would be similar to what happened in the wake of the Great Recession of 2008, which didn't feel like much of a recovery at first.

This type of rebound depends on a number of factors. The Federal Reserve, Congress and the White House have already launched several rounds of stimulus in an effort to help struggling consumers and businesses, but more money may be needed.

Strategist: Biggest risk to market is a second outbreak

Strategist: Biggest risk to market is a second outbreak 01:20

"Our base case of a recovery that looks like a Nike swoosh depends upon robust and sustained fiscal and monetary policies put forward by the federal government and Congress," said Joseph Brusuelas, chief economist with RSM US.

That assessment is shared by KC Mathews, chief investment officer with UMB Bank.

"Our assumption is the economy will open in a few weeks, the virus will become more controlled and adequate stimulus measures will be put into place. Perhaps an upward sloping 'L' shape, or swoosh, is the best descriptor," Mathews said in a report.

Invesco global market strategist Arnab Das has his own variation, which he has dubbed a square root recovery because that symbol ($\sqrt{}$) is similar to the Nike logo.

But there's a big difference between a square root and a swoosh scenario: the former could involve an extended period where economic activity stalls following the recovery; in a swoosh framework, the rebound would continue, albeit at a sluggish pace.

Matthew Miskin, co-chief investment strategist with John Hancock Investment Management, has yet another name for what may happen next: the fish hook recovery, which may look like the swoosh and square root symbols, but has a slightly different trajectory.

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"When you go over the barb of the hook, it really hurts. But then the hook bends and it starts to go a bit higher." Miskin told CNN Business. "It's kind of the same thing as the Nike swoosh." In other words, he thinks the recovery will pick up steam rather than peter out.

The economy will muddle along for the next few quarters, Miskin added, before starting to snap back at the end of the third and fourth quarters as consumers gear up for the holidays.

Some worry the rebound scenarios are too optimistic

Whatever you call the shape of the recovery, these are all very hopeful predictions. Are they overly bullish? Perhaps.

Miskin worries that a second wave of the coronavirus could hamper consumer spending and end any chances of significant recovery.

"The consumer needs to come back. If that doesn't happen, it will weigh on the recovery. It would be more muddled," Miskin said.

It's also important to remember that April's stock surge doesn't mean the worst is over.

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"I think you have to separate the market and the economy," said Randy Frederick, vice president of trading and derivatives at Charles Schwab. "The market is now saying things will be better six months from now. That's not necessarily the same thing as things being back to normal."

The sad reality is that in any recovery, some people and companies will be left out -- much like the aftermath of the Great Recession.

"There will be a delay in the comeback and ultimately a slow recovery," said Larry Adam, chief investment officer with Raymond James.

"There are some businesses that will not survive," Adam told CNN Business. "There are so many psychological barriers that people have to overcome before things return to normal."

New CBO Projections Suggest Even Bigger State Shortfalls

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State budget shortfalls from COVID-19's economic fallout could total \$650 billion over three years, we estimate based on new economic projections from the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO) and updated projections from Goldman Sachs. The new figures — significantly higher than estimates we recently issued based on economic projections of a month ago — increase the urgency that policymakers enact additional federal fiscal relief and continue it as long as economic conditions warrant.

CBO now projects that unemployment will average 15 percent for the next six months and then fall only slowly. It will still be 9.5 percent — just short of its 10 percent peak in the Great Recession — at the end of 2021. These CBO estimates take into account the federal aid already enacted for businesses, individuals, and state and local governments.

That's considerably more pessimistic than CBO's April 2 projections and Goldman Sachs' projections of March 31 and April 15. A paper we recently issued on state fiscal conditions used Goldman's March 31 projections and the historical relationship between unemployment and state revenues to estimate that states would face \$500 billion in state shortfalls in fiscal years 2020 through 2022. Averaging CBO's new projections with the latest Goldman estimates produces shortfalls totaling \$650 billion, substantially deeper than during the Great Recession. (See chart.) This estimate is for state budget shortfalls only; it does not reflect the additional shortfalls that local governments, territories, and tribes face.

Federal aid provided to date will help cover some of these shortfalls but it is not nearly enough. Only about \$65 billion of the aid provided in earlier COVID-19 packages is readily available to narrow these shortfalls. Using that aid and the \$75 billion that states have in rainy day funds would leave states with about \$510 billion in unaddressed shortfalls.

States must balance their budgets every year, even in recessions. Without substantial federal help, they very likely will deeply cut areas such as education and health care, lay off teachers and other workers, and cancel contracts with businesses. That would worsen the recession, delay recovery, and hurt families and communities. The health care cuts could also shortchange coronavirus response efforts. The large budget shortfalls could lead states and localities to raise taxes and fees, as well.

No one knows precisely how this unprecedented crisis will affect the economy, but underestimating its effects would have grave consequences for state budgets and thus for families, businesses, and communities. If federal aid ends too soon, states will have to depend much more heavily on spending cuts and tax increases to balance their budgets. Accordingly, the next relief package should include a large new round of fiscal relief, using "triggers" based on job market conditions to determine when assistance phases up or phases out.

A national trigger would ensure that relief measures continue nationwide as long as needed but no longer. Since the recovery may occur at different rates across the country, additional state-specific triggers could provide longer-lasting help in states facing greater challenges after nationwide relief triggers off.

State relief can include these triggers whether it takes the form of a higher federal Medicaid matching rate to cover Medicaid's costs — a particularly efficient method — grants to states, or (as is most likely and most efficacious) a combination of the two. Policymakers should also link measures such as expanded jobless benefits and increased SNAP (food stamp) benefits to job market indicators, so such measures continue as long as they're needed.

The Great Recession shows the potential problems from *not* tying relief measures to economic conditions — and letting them end too early. Although unemployment remained quite high in the years after the economy hit bottom and the recession technically ended, policymakers let critical relief measures expire prematurely, which slowed the recovery materially and increased hardship.

COVID-19 State Budget Shortfalls Could Be Largest on Record

Total shortfall in each fiscal year, in billions of 2020 dollars



* Estimates based on CBPP calculations using Congressional Budget Office and Goldman Sachs unemployment estimates. Does not reflect use of rainy day funds or federal aid already enacted.

Source: CBPP survey of state budget offices (through 2013); CBPP calculations (2020-2022)

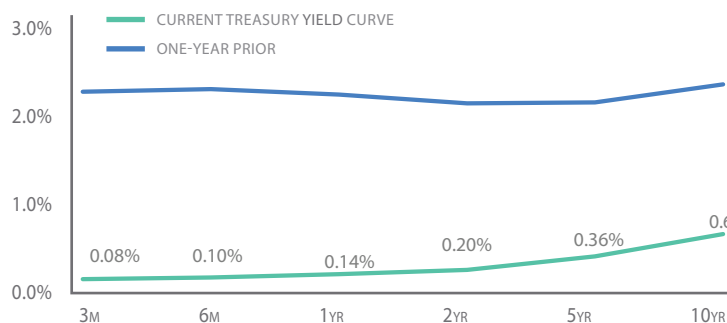
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MAY 2020

Historical Treasury Yield Curve



Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P. 4/30/20

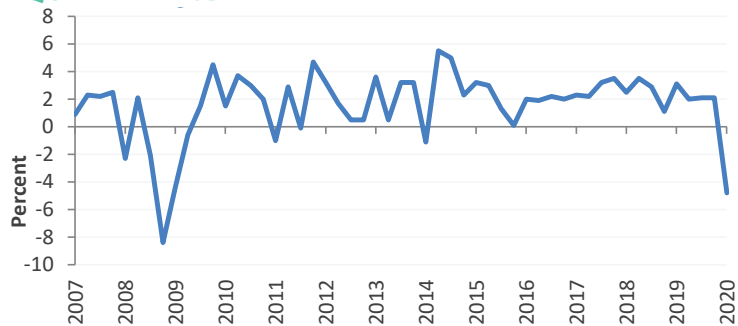
FEATURED MARKET DATA

U.S. Recession Likely Begins

Gross Domestic Product, the broadest measure of goods and services produced, shrank 4.8% in the first quarter according to the government's advance estimate. This decline, the largest since the last recession, was caused by initiatives aimed at containing the coronavirus. These responses ramped up in the final few weeks of the quarter. A lack of data late in the quarter may result in revisions to the report and second quarter GDP is expected to be far lower. Personal consumption, the primary driver of U.S. growth, fell at a 7.6% rate, the steepest quarterly drop since 1980. Business spending also declined sharply.

Source: Bloomberg, Wall Street Journal

QUARTERLY GDP



Source: Bloomberg

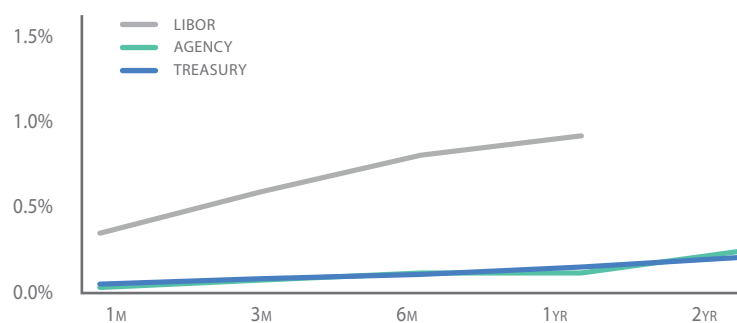
RECENT NEWS

Markets Rebound in April

U.S. stocks rallied in April despite poor fundamentals including unprecedented levels of unemployment claims. The S&P 500 posted its biggest monthly gain since January 1987 and was up about 30% since the March 23rd low. In our view, the primary drivers of these returns were the enormous monetary and fiscal policy responses which reduced interest rates and improved credit market functioning. This support benefited stocks and reinforces the old adage, "don't fight the Fed." Other market tailwinds included improving coronavirus trends, an economic reopening push and positive coronavirus treatment developments. Markets face numerous risks in the months ahead and we expect heightened market volatility.

Source: Bloomberg

Indicative Rates



Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P. 4/30/20. Rates do not reflect transaction fees.

U.S. Economic Indicators

Event	Event Date	Period	Survey	Actual	Prior / Revised (R)
Core CPI (MoM)	04/10/20	MAR	0.1%	-0.1%	0.2%
Core CPI (YoY)	04/10/20	MAR	2.3%	2.1%	2.4%
Retail Sales Ex. Auto (MoM)	04/15/20	MAR	-5.0%	-4.5%	-0.4%
Consumer Confidence	04/28/20	APR	87.0	86.9	118.8 (R)
Personal Income	04/30/20	MAR	-1.7%	-2.0%	0.6%
Personal Spending	04/30/20	MAR	-5.1%	-7.5%	0.2%
ISM Manufacturing	05/01/20	APR	36.0	41.5	49.1
Change in Nonfarm Payrolls	05/08/20	APR	-21.3M	--	-0.7M
Unemployment Rate	05/08/20	APR	16.0%	--	4.4%

*Preliminary.

Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P. 5/4/20

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IML Memo: Preliminary MFY 2021 Revenue Forecasts

DATE: May 4, 2020

TO: Mayors/Village Presidents/Town Presidents
Managers/Administrators
Treasurers/Finance Officers/Comptrollers

CC: IML Board of Directors

FROM: Brad Cole, Executive Director
Illinois Municipal League

RE: Preliminary Revenue Forecasts

COVID-19 has obviously upset the Illinois economy to such an extent that will have long-lasting negative consequences on state and local revenues. This, we know. What we don't fully know, at this time, is how negative those consequences will be.

Illinois Municipal League (IML) economists have been reviewing and analyzing available data, so we may provide you with initial information on how to think about managing your Municipal Fiscal Year (MFY) 2021 budget. While we are working on formal revisions to MFY 2021 forecasts that we plan to present next month, we are sharing this preliminary information with local officials as most start their new fiscal year. **The following represents preliminary, initial estimated guidance on how to adjust projected MFY 2021 budget revenues (based on a May 1 – April 30 municipal fiscal year).**

Based on a recent survey of multiple states, overall reductions to pre-COVID-19 revenue estimates range from 9% to 17% projected for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2021 (based on a July 1 – June 30 state fiscal year). Using this along with Illinois-specific data, such as the Governor's April 2020 Revenue Forecast Revision and information from the Illinois Department of Revenue (IDOR), to estimate the impact of COVID-19 on MFY 2021 revenues, we suggest the following preliminary forecasts:

Personal Property Replacement Tax (PPRT) may experience a decrease of 30% from actual MFY 2020 amounts.

There were significant one-time revenues in MFY 2020 that will not recur in MFY 2021. This forecast of a 30% reduction results from the confluence of one-time revenues and declining corporate income taxes.

Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF) may experience a decrease of 15% from actual MFY 2020 amounts.

Based on the Governor's Office of Management and Budget (GOMB) forecasts, which comport with those of other states, LGDF may decrease by at least this much.

Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) may experience a decrease of 15% from actual MFY 2020 amounts.

Because of reduced road traffic and associated gas consumption.

Transportation Renewal Fund (TRF) is estimated at \$14.50 per capita for MFY 2021.

TRF revenue for MFY 2021 assumes that IDOR will write and see passage of legislation to amend the current MFT law to properly expense International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA) payments and refund payments from TRF, effective July 1, 2020. Because TRF has been in place for less than one year, and we anticipate legislative action that will allow expenditures against TRF, we provide an estimated dollar amount rather than a percent change.

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Use Tax is estimated to remain flat at actual MFY 2020 amounts.

While we know Use Tax from consumers is up, we also believe that the Use Tax paid by businesses will drop. At this time, we do not recommend budgeting Use Tax above MFY 2020 levels.

Thank you for your efforts during this time and while we work through developing economic forecasting models. As we know more, we will share more. Our goal is to have the most accurate estimates and forecasts available as soon as possible. Sources for various data are listed at the bottom of this message, for your additional information.

Please feel welcome to contact us if you have any comments or questions. Thanks.

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City of Decatur, Illinois
General Fund Revenue Projection

Illinois Executive Order *Shelter in Place Executive Order of March 20, 2020 effective at 5pm March 21, 2020*
Closure of "non-essential" business operations

	Budget Revenue	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	position vs budget	Year Projection	Year o(u) budget
State Sales Tax	\$ 11,396,000	3,807,714	3,846,776	39,062	10,488,709	(907,291)
Local Sales Tax	\$ 10,249,000	3,424,829	3,360,187	(64,642)	9,222,939	(1,026,061)
State Income Tax	\$ 8,396,000	2,677,437	2,731,874	54,437	7,931,097	(464,903)
Utility Gas & Electric	\$ 4,805,000	1,834,716	1,669,944	(164,772)	4,375,344	(429,656)
Food & Beverage	\$ 3,427,500	1,095,955	1,009,239	(86,716)	2,765,588	(661,912)
Hotel Motel Tax	\$ 991,000	254,585	221,201	(33,384)	468,303	(522,697)
Property Tax	\$ 9,000,000	-	-	-	9,000,000	-
State Local Use Tax	\$ 2,764,000	963,881	1,005,989	42,108	2,904,785	140,785
Video Gaming	\$ 1,720,000	544,758	549,228	4,470	1,031,541	(688,459)
External Service	\$ 3,703,658	1,019,438	715,314	(304,124)	2,610,336	(1,093,322)
Internal Service	\$ 8,247,909	2,864,536	2,792,839	(71,697)	8,420,763	172,854
Key Revenue sub total	\$ 64,700,067	18,487,849	17,902,591	(585,258)	59,219,405	(5,480,662)
All other	\$ 5,799,933	1,632,229	1,697,883	65,654	5,862,145	62,212
Total Revenue	\$ 70,500,000	20,120,078	19,600,474	(519,604)	65,081,550	(5,418,450)

City of Decatur, Illinois
General Fund Revenue Projection

	2020 Budget	Year to Date April Budget	Year to Date April Actual	Year to Date April o(u) budget
General Fund Revenue				
Local Taxes	\$ 20,764,500	3,959,835	3,663,203	(296,632)
State Taxes	\$ 35,783,000	11,832,182	11,979,771	147,589
Other Gov Source	\$ 410,000	-	-	-
Internal City Service	\$ 8,247,909	2,864,536	2,792,839	(71,697)
3rd Party Revenue	\$ 1,106,000	366,478	359,763	(6,715)
Grants	\$ 384,933	49,180	62,979	13,799
External Fees Service	\$ 3,703,658	1,019,438	715,314	(304,124)
Interest Income	\$ 100,000	28,429	26,605	(1,824)
Total Revenue	\$ 70,500,000	20,120,078	19,600,474	(519,604)

Comment on to date revenue results versus budget

Local Taxes	YTD shortfall result of: lower gas & electricity tax revenue (\$165k) driven by mild winter weather season and reduced consumption by commercial and industrial customers unrelated to COVID-19 lower food & beverage tax revenue (\$87k) with estimated negative COVID-19 impact \$40k lower hotel / motel tax revenue (\$33k) with estimated negative COVID-19 impact \$20k lower natural gas & electricity tax revenue (\$165k) unrelated to COVID-19
State Taxes	YTD overage result of: lower local sales tax revenue (\$65k) all other tax revenues (state sales, use, income, PPRT, video gaming, cannabis) exceeding budget (\$212k)
Internal City Service	YTD shortfall result of: Temporary shortfall due to timing of expense and reimbursement to general fund from other city funds (DUATS)
External Fees Service	YTD shortfall result of: increased license fees (\$34k) due to video gaming 6th machines lower boat & pier license fees (\$36k) with COVID-19 deferral to mid summer payments lower building permits (\$55k) lower parking permits (\$89k) lower court fines & fees (\$83k) lower ordinance citations (\$30k)

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State Sales Tax	\$ 11,396,000	3,807,714	3,846,776	39,062	10,488,709	(907,291)
<i>Distribution</i>	<i>State sales tax distribution is 3 months delayed between sale transaction month and city receipt of tax distribution from state</i> <i>City will begin to see the negative impact of March 20 "Shelter in Place Order" and subsequent business closure with sales tax distributions in June for March in store sales transactions with full month negative impact not realized until receipt of the April in store sales tax transactions in July</i>					
<i>Assumption</i>	<i>Assume 21% reduction in tax revenue commencing March 20 / recovery begins with in store June transactions with slow ramp up not fully recovered by year end</i>					
Local Sales Tax	\$ 10,249,000	3,424,829	3,360,187	(64,642)	9,222,939	(1,026,061)
<i>Distribution</i>	<i>State sales tax distribution is 3 months delayed between sale transaction month and city receipt of tax distribution from state</i> <i>City will begin to see the negative impact of March 20 "Shelter in Place Order" and subsequent business closure with sales tax distributions in June for March in store sales transactions with full month negative impact not realized until receipt of the April in store sales tax transactions in July</i>					
<i>Assumption</i>	<i>Assume 23% reduction in tax revenue commencing March 20 / recovery begins with in store June transactions with slow ramp up not fully recovered by year end</i>					
State Income Tax	\$ 8,396,000	2,677,437	2,731,874	54,437	7,931,097	(464,903)
<i>Distribution</i>	<i>Income tax distribution is 2 months delayed between payroll month and city receipt of tax distribution from state</i> <i>City will begin to see the negative impact of March 20 "Shelter in Place Order" and subsequent business closure with income tax distributions in June for April payroll transactions</i>					
<i>Assumption</i>	<i>Assume 1 in 6 workers unemployed in IL commencing April with rehiring ramp up beginning in June with 10% not rehired before year end</i>					

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	Budget Revenue	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	position vs budget	Year Projection	Year o(u) budget
Utility Gas & Electric	\$ 4,805,000	1,834,716	1,669,944	(164,772)	4,375,344	(429,656)
Distribution	Utility tax distribution is 2 months delayed between transaction month and city receipt of tax distribution from Ameren City expects no negative impact due to COVID-19					
Assumption	Projected revenue reduction is the result of the recent mild winter weather season resultng in lower energy consumption and continued industrial entity energy consumption demand (due energy efficiencies)					
Food & Beverage	\$ 3,427,500	1,095,955	1,009,239	(86,716)	2,765,588	(661,912)
Distribution	F&B tax is collected locally with tax distribution in the month following the in store transaction City will begin to see the negative impact of March 20 "Shelter in Place Order" and subsequent business impact with F&B tax receipts in April for March in store F&B transactions					
Assumption	Assumes closures with 60% operation commencing March 20 / reopenings to public in July with ramp up over several months before full service / prediction of 10% business failure					
Hotel Motel Tax	\$ 991,000	254,585	221,201	(33,384)	468,303	(522,697)
Distribution	Hotel / motel tax is collected locally with tax distribution in the month following the in hotel / motel transaction City will begin to see the negative impact of March 20 "Shelter in Place Order" and subsequent business impact with hotel / motel tax receipts in April for March transactions					
Assumption	Assumes occupancy with 0% operation commencing March 20 / reopenings to public in June with slow ramp up over several months with full recovery not expected in 2020					

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	Budget Revenue	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	position vs budget	Year Projection	Year o(u) budget
Property Tax	\$ 9,000,000	-	-	-	9,000,000	-
<i>Distribution</i>	<i>Property tax is billed and collected by the Macon County Treasurer</i> <i>Current expectation is for property tax bills to be issued to property owners in the near term with 1st installment tax payment due June 15 and expected property tax distribution to the City in July</i>					
<i>Assumption</i>	<i>Assume property tax revenues will be received by the City as planned, albeit with delayed distribution in year</i>					
State Local Use Tax	\$ 2,764,000	963,881	1,005,989	42,108	2,904,785	140,785
<i>Distribution</i>	<i>State use tax distribution is 3 months delayed between transaction month and city receipt of tax distribution from state</i> <i>City has experienced increased use tax revenue to date at 104% of budget expectation, determined to be attributed to online internet transactions</i>					
<i>Assumption</i>	<i>Assume use tax distribution will increase in near term months (transactions Mar to May) and revert to 104%</i>					
Video Gaming	\$ 1,720,000	544,758	549,228	4,470	1,031,541	(688,459)
<i>Distribution</i>	<i>Video gaming tax distribution is 2 months delayed between transaction month and city receipt of tax distribution from state</i> <i>Video Gaming operations were shut down by State Executive Order effective March 16, 2020.</i>					
<i>Assumption</i>	<i>Assume video gaming restart in July, with limited participation achieving 75% by year end</i>					

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	Budget Revenue	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	position vs budget	Year Projection	Year o(u) budget
Fees for Service	\$ 3,703,658	1,019,438	715,314	(304,124)	2,610,336	(1,093,322)
<i>Distribution</i>	<i>Fees for service delivered by city with revenue in month of payment receipt</i>					
	<i>Licenses, permits, court fines & fees, citations, etc.</i>					
<i>Assumption</i>	<i>Various assumptions. Main negative drivers include reduced liquor licenses, reduced parking permits, reduced court fines and fees, reduced code citations, during period / various recovery</i>					

Assumption	Home	Assumption	Revenue \$	Jan Actual	Feb Actual	Mar Actual	Apr Actual	May Projection	Jun Projection	Jul Projection	Aug Projection	Sep Projection	Oct Projection	Nov Projection	Dec Projection	Total Projection	Change vs. Original Budget
Local Taxes																	
Cable TV	transaction month			Q4 IL Bell	Q4 Comcast		Q1 IL Bell	Q1 Comcast		Q2 IL Bell	Q2 Comcast		Q3 Both				
	budget	\$	971,000	22,936	223,539	(3,823)	19,847	225,164	-	18,415	223,989	-	240,933	-		971,000	\$ 971,000
	actual / forecast			16,892	229,481	-	16,827	230,292	-	18,415	223,989	-	240,933	-		976,829	
	assumption			100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	105%	105%	100%	100%	100%			
	Projection			16,892	229,481	-	16,827	230,292	-	19,336	235,188	-	240,933	-		988,949	17,949
	Assume activity as normal																
Food & Beverage	transaction month			Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov		
	budget as is	\$	3,427,500	300,807	245,360	255,056	294,732	290,471	304,560	301,973	282,637	305,446	286,043	278,973	281,442	3,427,500	\$ 3,427,500
	actual / forecast			284,618	257,752	244,619	222,250	290,471	304,560	301,973	282,637	305,446	286,043	278,973	281,442	3,340,784	
	assumption			100%	100%	100%	100%	60%	60%	60%	75%	80%	90%	90%	90%		
	Projection			284,618	257,752	244,619	222,250	174,283	182,736	181,184	211,978	244,357	257,439	251,076	253,298	2,765,588	(661,912)
	Assume closures per Shelter in Place with 60% operation commencing March 20 / Reopenings to public in July with ramp up over several months / prediction for 10% business failure																
Hotel Motel	transaction month			Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov		
	budget as is	\$	991,000	62,169	59,274	61,368	71,774	80,368	76,757	93,344	87,066	141,191	97,631	83,985	76,073	991,000	\$ 991,000
	actual / forecast			47,544	60,919	64,916	47,822	80,368	76,757	93,344	87,066	141,191	97,631	83,985	76,073	957,616	
	assumption			100%	100%	100%	100%	0%	0%	0%	25%	40%	50%	75%	75%		
	Projection			47,544	60,919	64,916	47,822	-	-	-	21,767	56,476	48,816	62,989	57,055	468,303	(522,697)
	Assume heads in beds shut downs commencing March 20 / Reopening August with slow ramp up																
Mobile Home Privelege	transaction month																
	budget as is	\$	15,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,000	15,000	\$ 15,000
	actual / forecast			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,000	15,000	
	assumption			100%	100%	100%	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%		
	Projection			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,000	15,000	-
	Assume activity as normal																
Property Tax	transaction month																
	budget as is	\$	9,000,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,819,531	-	3,185,750	-	-	994,719	9,000,000	\$ 9,000,000
	actual / forecast			-	-	-	-	-	-	4,819,531	-	3,185,750	-	-	994,719	9,000,000	
	assumption			100%	100%	100%	100%	0%	0%	100%	0%	100%	0%	0%	100%		
	Projection			-	-	-	-	-	-	4,819,531	-	3,185,750	-	-	994,719	9,000,000	-
	Assume May payment date delayed by 1 month to June / tax distribution to city in July / September payments due as normal																
Telephone Utility	transaction month			Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep		
	budget as is	\$	1,555,000	131,032	126,483	132,593	121,972	196,129	124,182	119,259	130,811	118,531	118,608	122,377	113,023	1,555,000	\$ 1,555,000
	actual / forecast			118,281	149,194	123,430	108,714	196,129	124,182	119,259	130,811	118,531	118,608	122,377	113,023	1,542,539	
	assumption			100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%		
	Projection			118,281	149,194	123,430	108,714	196,129	124,182	119,259	130,811	118,531	118,608	122,377	113,023	1,542,539	(12,461)
	Assume activity as normal																
Utility Gas & Electric	transaction month			Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct		
	budget as is	\$	4,805,000	446,534	468,705	483,270	436,207	389,900	343,742	402,452	358,648	376,179	385,497	349,498	364,368	4,805,000	\$ 4,805,000
	actual / forecast			399,612	446,586	423,748	399,998	354,800	312,800	366,200	326,300	345,000	350,800	318,000	331,500	4,375,344	
	assumption			100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%		
	Projection			399,612	446,586	423,748	399,998	354,800	312,800	366,200	326,300	345,000	350,800	318,000	331,500	4,375,344	(429,656)
	Reforecast with 9% shortfall April YTD																
Total Local Taxes			\$ 20,764,500	963,478	1,123,361	928,464	944,532	1,182,032	849,241	5,754,974	1,083,151	4,127,097	887,779	1,075,766	1,844,625	20,764,500	\$ 20,764,500
	Projection			866,947	1,143,932	856,713	795,611	955,504	619,718	5,505,510	926,044	3,950,114	775,662	995,374	1,764,595	19,155,723	(1,608,777)
State Remitted Taxes																	
Auto Rental	transaction month			Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep		
	budget as is	\$	43,000	3,938	3,287	3,178	2,972	3,104	3,596	3,543	3,743	3,792	4,278	4,223	3,346	43,000	\$ 43,000
	actual / forecast			3,598	3,113	3,292	3,127	3,104	3,596	3,543	3,743	3,792	4,278	4,223	3,346	42,755	
	assumption			100%	100%	100%	100%	75%	50%	50%	75%	75%	75%	75%	75%		
	Projection			3,598	3,113	3,292	3,127	2,328	1,798	1,772	2,807	2,844	3,209	3,167	2,510	33,564	(9,436)
	Assume rental volume reduction commencing March																
Cannabis	transaction month			Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct		
	budget as is	\$	25,000	-	-	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	25,000	\$ 25,000
	actual / forecast			-	-	5,348	7,108	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	72,456	
	assumption			100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%		
	Projection			-	-	5,348	7,108	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	72,456	47,456
	Assume activity as normal																

Assumption	Home	Baseline Revenue \$	Jan Actual	Feb Actual	Mar Actual	Apr Actual	May Projection	Jun Projection	Jul Projection	Aug Projection	Sep Projection	Oct Projection	Nov Projection	Dec Projection	Total Projection	Change vs. Original Budget
Local Sales Tax	transaction month		Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep		
	budget as is	\$ 10,249,000	893,465	865,232	969,665	696,467	737,850	857,068	861,652	924,961	874,867	869,606	873,473	824,694	10,249,000	\$ 10,249,000
	actual / forecast		862,508	839,293	942,329	716,057	737,850	857,068	861,652	924,961	874,867	869,606	873,473	824,694	10,184,358	
	assumption		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	92%	77%	79%	82%	85%	87%	88%		
	Projection		862,508	839,293	942,329	716,057	737,850	788,503	663,472	730,719	717,391	739,165	759,922	725,731	9,222,939	(1,026,061)
2 month delay in revenue receipt (Apr rev is Jan sale) / Refer to work papers / Assume 25% reduction in tax revenue commencing March 20 / restoration begins in June with slow ramp up																
Local Use Tax	transaction month		Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep		
	budget as is	\$ 2,764,000	228,374	252,690	305,563	177,254	204,199	232,139	219,723	220,672	224,336	230,628	220,955	247,467	2,764,000	\$ 2,764,000
	actual / forecast		244,618	229,171	314,455	217,745	204,199	232,139	219,723	220,672	224,336	230,628	220,955	247,467	2,806,108	
	assumption		100%	100%	100%	100%	104%	106%	108%	110%	104%	104%	104%	104%		
	Projection		244,618	229,171	314,455	217,745	212,367	246,067	237,301	242,739	233,309	239,853	229,793	257,366	2,904,785	140,785
Reforecast with April YTD 104% of budget / Assume activity as normal																
State Income	transaction month		Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct		
	budget as is	\$ 8,396,000	654,463	787,372	474,099	761,503	1,584,036	494,688	739,794	530,307	469,348	837,403	546,535	516,452	8,396,000	\$ 8,396,000
	actual / forecast		696,621	717,710	533,688	783,855	1,584,036	494,688	739,794	530,307	469,348	837,403	546,535	516,452	8,450,437	
	assumption		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	84%	84%	84%	90%	90%	90%	90%		
	Projection		696,621	717,710	533,688	783,855	1,584,036	415,538	621,427	445,458	422,413	753,663	491,882	464,807	7,931,097	(464,903)
Assume 1 in 6 unemployed in IL commencing April with rehiring ramp up beginning June with 10% not rehired																
State Replacement	transaction month		Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct		
	budget as is	\$ 1,190,000	115,281	-	52,312	227,595	274,645	3,093	164,175	19,696	-	284,450	1,299	47,454	1,190,000	\$ 1,190,000
	actual / forecast		175,190	1,981	35,383	247,577	274,645	3,093	164,175	19,696	-	284,450	1,299	47,454	1,254,943	
	assumption		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%		
	Projection		175,190	1,981	35,383	247,577	274,645	3,093	164,175	19,696	-	284,450	1,299	47,454	1,254,943	64,943
Assume activity as normal																
State Sales Tax	transaction month		Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep		
	budget as is	\$ 11,396,000	982,060	931,889	1,097,157	796,608	840,652	973,300	964,793	1,015,160	926,519	976,022	965,865	925,975	11,396,000	\$ 11,396,000
	actual / forecast		968,804	945,787	1,097,327	834,858	840,652	973,300	964,793	1,015,160	926,519	976,022	965,865	925,975	11,435,062	
	assumption		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	93%	79%	82%	84%	87%	88%	89%		
	Projection		968,804	945,787	1,097,327	834,858	840,652	905,169	762,186	832,431	778,276	849,139	849,961	824,118	10,488,709	(907,291)
2 month delay in revenue receipt (Apr rev is Jan sale) / Refer to work papers / Assume 20% reduction in tax revenue commencing March 20 / restoration begins in June with slow ramp up																
Video Gaming Tax	transaction month		Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct		
	budget as is	\$ 1,720,000	132,573	141,961	127,272	142,952	173,000	148,388	148,239	134,391	139,315	141,890	139,069	150,950	1,720,000	\$ 1,720,000
	actual / forecast		135,374	133,358	135,318	145,178	88,724	-	-	-	139,315	141,890	139,069	150,950	1,209,176	
	assumption		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	0%	0%	0%	50%	75%	75%	75%		
	Projection		135,374	133,358	135,318	145,178	88,724	-	-	-	69,658	106,418	104,302	113,213	1,031,541	(688,459)
Assume video gaming restart in July																
Total State Taxes		\$ 35,783,000	\$ 3,010,154	\$ 2,982,431	\$ 3,031,746	\$ 2,807,851	\$ 3,819,986	\$ 2,714,772	\$ 3,104,419	\$ 2,851,430	\$ 2,640,677	\$ 3,346,777	\$ 2,753,919	\$ 2,718,838	\$ 35,783,000	\$ 35,783,000
Projection			3,086,713	2,870,413	3,067,140	2,955,505	3,748,102	2,367,668	2,457,833	2,281,351	2,231,391	2,983,396	2,447,825	2,442,697	32,940,034	(2,842,966)
Other Governmental Source																
Road & Bridge Tax	transaction month															
	budget as is	\$ 410,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	218,552	-	152,212	-	-	39,236	410,000	\$ 410,000
	actual / forecast		-	-	-	-	-	-	218,552	-	152,212	-	-	39,236	410,000	
	assumption		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%		
	Projection		-	-	-	-	-	-	218,552	-	152,212	-	-	39,236	410,000	-
Assume activity as normal																
Internal City Service																
City Cross Charges	transaction month															
	budget as is	\$ 6,685,317	557,110	557,110	557,110	557,110	557,110	557,110	557,110	557,110	557,110	557,110	557,110	557,107	6,685,317	\$ 6,685,317
	actual / forecast		557,110	557,110	557,110	557,110	557,110	557,110	557,110	557,110	557,110	557,110	557,110	557,107	6,685,317	
	assumption		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%		
	Projection		557,110	557,110	557,110	557,110	557,110	557,110	557,110	557,110	557,110	557,110	557,110	557,107	6,685,317	-
Assume activity as normal																
CDBG Reimbursement	transaction month															
	budget as is	\$ 390,192	33,879	48,457	33,384	34,748	17,910	4,230	4,052	4,887	4,179	135,728	43,440	25,298	390,192	\$ 390,192
	actual / forecast		44,838	40,479	31,650	53,000	17,910	4,230	4,052	4,887	4,179	135,728	43,440	25,298	409,691	
	assumption		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%		
	Projection		44,838	40,479	31,650	53,000	17,910	4,230	4,052	4,887	4,179	135,728	43,440	25,298	409,691	19,499
Assume activity as normal																

City of Decatur, Illinois
General Fund Revenue Projection
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Budget
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Projection

Date: May 6, 2020

Home	Assumption	Baseline Revenue \$	Jan Actual	Feb Actual	Mar Actual	Apr Actual	May Projection	Jun Projection	Jul Projection	Aug Projection	Sep Projection	Oct Projection	Nov Projection	Dec Projection	Total Projection	Change vs. Original Budget
HOME Reimbursement	budget as is	\$ 104,041	5,180	12,027	1,297	1,123	8,219	10,934	12,385	16,136	7,611	3,370	17,034	8,725	104,041	\$ 104,041
	actual / forecast		6,438	2,169	2,942	1,291	8,219	10,934	12,385	16,136	7,611	3,370	17,034	8,725	97,254	
	assumption		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%		
	Projection		6,438	2,169	2,942	1,291	8,219	10,934	12,385	16,136	7,611	3,370	17,034	8,725	97,254	(6,787)
	Assume activity as normal															
DUATS Reimbursement	budget as is	\$ 207,359	125,723	-	81,636	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	207,359	\$ 207,359
	actual / forecast		-	114,869	-	-	-	-	100,000	-	-	-	207,359	-	422,228	
	assumption		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%		
	Projection		-	114,869	-	-	-	-	100,000	-	-	-	207,359	-	422,228	214,869
	Assume activity as normal															
MFT Reimbursement	budget as is	\$ 550,000	27,259	43,345	(1,061)	54,254	98,229	(22,707)	60,445	47,235	45,545	47,712	69,636	80,108	550,000	\$ 550,000
	actual / forecast		29,162	39,065	46,340	53,366	48,000	48,000	48,000	48,000	48,000	48,000	48,000	51,433	555,366	
	assumption		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%		
	Projection		29,162	39,065	46,340	53,366	48,000	48,000	48,000	48,000	48,000	48,000	48,000	51,433	555,366	5,366
	Assume activity as normal															
Water Street Cuts	budget as is	\$ 311,000	26,494	11,892	57,386	39,073	40,074	6,215	35,526	26,783	18,208	17,020	15,383	16,946	311,000	\$ 311,000
	actual / forecast		39,655	20,515	20,111	18,509	16,036	6,215	35,526	26,783	18,208	17,020	15,383	16,946	250,907	
	assumption		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%		
	Projection		39,655	20,515	20,111	18,509	16,036	6,215	35,526	26,783	18,208	17,020	15,383	16,946	250,907	(60,093)
	Assume activity as normal															
Total Internal City		\$ 8,247,909	\$ 775,645	\$ 672,831	\$ 729,752	\$ 686,308	\$ 721,542	\$ 555,782	\$ 669,518	\$ 652,151	\$ 632,653	\$ 760,940	\$ 702,603	\$ 688,184	\$ 8,247,909	\$ 8,247,909
	Projection		677,203	774,207	658,153	683,276	647,275	626,489	757,073	652,916	635,108	761,228	888,326	659,509	8,420,763	172,854
3rd Party Revenue																
Ameren Franchise	budget as is	\$ 921,000	76,750	76,750	76,750	76,750	76,750	76,750	76,750	76,750	76,750	76,750	76,750	76,750	921,000	\$ 921,000
	actual / forecast		76,759	76,759	76,759	76,759	76,759	76,759	76,759	76,759	76,759	76,759	76,759	76,759	921,108	
	assumption		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%		
	Projection		76,759	76,759	76,759	76,759	76,759	76,759	76,759	76,759	76,759	76,759	76,759	76,759	921,108	108
	Assume activity as normal															
Electric Aggregation	budget as is	\$ 185,000	12,540	16,243	15,270	15,425	12,412	11,928	12,326	24,322	21,824	16,663	15,627	10,420	185,000	\$ 185,000
	actual / forecast		11,304	14,811	13,515	13,097	12,412	11,928	12,326	24,322	21,824	16,663	15,627	10,420	178,249	
	assumption		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%		
	Projection		11,304	14,811	13,515	13,097	12,412	11,928	12,326	24,322	21,824	16,663	15,627	10,420	178,249	(6,751)
	Assume activity as normal															
Total 3rd Party Rev		\$ 1,106,000	89,290	92,993	92,020	92,175	89,162	88,678	89,076	101,072	98,574	93,413	92,377	87,170	1,106,000	\$ 1,106,000
	Projection		88,063	91,570	90,274	89,856	89,171	88,687	89,085	101,081	98,583	93,422	92,386	87,179	1,099,357	(6,643)
Grants																
Grants	budget as is	\$ 384,933	25,543	3,761	7,852	12,024	15,119	71,039	16,241	13,106	46,883	5,109	12,847	155,409	384,933	\$ 384,933
	actual / forecast		36,782	9,380	6,575	10,242	15,119	71,039	16,241	13,106	46,883	5,109	12,847	155,409	398,732	
	assumption		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%		
	Projection		36,782	9,380	6,575	10,242	15,119	71,039	16,241	13,106	46,883	5,109	12,847	155,409	398,732	13,799
	Assume activity as normal															
Fees for Service External																
Licenses & Permits	budget as is	\$ 189,000	7,750	2,134	779	7,065	6,265	2,266	800	1,192	5,178	4,374	27,340	123,857	189,000	\$ 189,000
	actual / forecast		27,140	13,603	5,640	5,030	-	15,596	800	1,192	5,178	4,374	27,340	123,857	229,750	
	assumption		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	90%	90%	90%	90%	90%	90%	90%		
	Projection		27,140	13,603	5,640	5,030	-	14,036	720	1,073	4,660	3,937	24,606	111,471	211,916	22,916
	Assume already enacted renewal and payment deferral until June 30 / recovery in June at 90% level															
Liquor Licenses	budget as is	\$ 527,000	-	200	2,884	14,220	292,371	201,315	5,007	2,860	5,940	2,203	-	-	527,000	\$ 527,000
	actual / forecast		3,717	1,287	1,496	-	-	-	-	515,773	5,940	2,203	-	-	530,416	
	assumption		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	80%	80%	100%	100%	100%		
	Projection		3,717	1,287	1,496	-	-	-	-	412,618	4,752	1,762	-	-	425,633	(101,367)
	Assume already enacted renewal deferral until August 31 / recovery in August at 80% level															
Boats & Piers	budget as is	\$ 110,000	-	92	249	35,235	43,836	15,750	9,525	2,989	1,974	325	-	25	110,000	\$ 110,000
	actual / forecast		-	-	38	30	-	94,821	9,525	2,989	1,974	325	-	25	109,727	
	assumption		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	90%	90%	90%	90%	90%	90%	90%		
	Projection		-	-	38	30	-	85,339	8,573	2,690	1,777	293	-	23	98,761	(11,239)
	Assume already enacted renewal deferral until June 30 / recovery in June at 90% level															

City of Decatur, Illinois
General Fund Revenue Projection

Date: May 6, 2020

Assumptions		Projection														Total		Change vs.	
Home		Baseline	Revenue \$	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Projection	Original Budget		
Assumption				Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Projection	Projection	Projection	Projection	Projection	Projection	Projection	Projection	Projection			
Building Permits	budget as is actual / forecast	\$	514,000	11,531	42,009	37,418	46,829	39,991	53,549	67,441	57,479	66,268	32,837	33,934	24,714	514,000	\$	514,000	
				27,997	8,619	24,645	21,774	39,991	53,549	67,441	57,479	66,268	32,837	33,934	24,714	459,248			
	assumption Projection Assume 50% effective April		100%	100%	100%	100%	75%	75%	75%	75%	75%	75%	75%	75%	75%				
			27,997	8,619	24,645	21,774	29,993	40,162	50,581	43,109	49,701	24,628	25,451	18,536	365,195		(148,805)		
Parking	budget as is actual / forecast	\$	388,000	32,370	49,807	35,790	33,479	31,793	27,374	24,283	21,899	57,194	27,435	20,450	26,126	388,000	\$	388,000	
				20,568	15,945	14,822	11,103	31,793	27,374	24,283	21,899	57,194	27,435	20,450	26,126	298,992			
	assumption Projection Assume 0% effective April / recommence parking enforcement in July at 80% level		100%	100%	100%	100%	90%	90%	90%	90%	90%	90%	90%	90%	90%				
			20,568	15,945	14,822	11,103	28,614	24,637	21,855	19,709	51,475	24,692	18,405	23,513	275,337		(112,663)		
Admin & Circuit Court	budget as is actual / forecast	\$	441,000	29,658	34,611	37,803	43,245	41,515	52,726	41,476	40,217	33,246	38,050	25,379	23,074	441,000	\$	441,000	
				17,968	14,705	28,119	1,548	41,515	52,726	41,476	40,217	33,246	38,050	25,379	23,074	358,023			
	assumption Projection Assume 0% effective April / recommence in August at 100% level		100%	100%	100%	100%	0%	0%	0%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%					
			17,968	14,705	28,119	1,548	-	-	-	40,217	33,246	38,050	25,379	23,074	222,306		(218,694)		
Fines & Citations	budget as is actual / forecast	\$	664,558	43,269	39,108	51,792	41,974	61,315	63,534	59,988	69,109	57,595	77,293	48,706	50,875	664,558	\$	664,558	
				49,062	46,710	42,880	7,098	46,495	48,714	45,168	69,109	57,595	77,293	48,706	50,875	589,705			
	assumption Projection Assume 0% effective April / recommence in August at 75% level		100%	100%	100%	100%	0%	0%	0%	75%	75%	75%	75%	75%					
			49,062	46,710	42,880	7,098	-	-	-	51,832	43,196	57,970	36,530	38,156	373,434		(291,125)		
City Property	budget as is actual / forecast	\$	199,600	92	3,587	41,571	783	5,302	10,881	2,683	3,217	3,217	3,217	5,625	119,425	199,600	\$	199,600	
				(54)	100	5,299	942	2,177	7,756	-	92	92	92	2,058	116,300	134,854			
	assumption Projection Assume 0% effective April / assume sale of Brentwood Fire station 5 and Fire apparatus before end of year		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%					
			(54)	100	5,299	942	2,177	7,756	-	92	92	92	2,058	116,300	134,854		(64,746)		
Other Miscellaneous	budget as is actual / forecast	\$	45,000	2,080	1,872	8,405	2,103	2,561	7,510	2,370	7,737	1,888	1,564	2,877	4,033	45,000	\$	45,000	
				4,749	11,840	3,706	1,421	2,561	7,510	2,370	7,737	1,888	1,564	2,877	4,033	52,256			
	assumption Projection Expense reimbursements and miscellaneous income / assume 100%		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%					
			4,749	11,840	3,706	1,421	2,561	7,510	2,370	7,737	1,888	1,564	2,877	4,033	52,256		7,256		
Demolition Reimburse	budget as is actual / forecast	\$	45,000	4,282	9,810	5,859	3,609	2,802	1,956	1,756	3,273	2,596	2,498	3,441	3,118	45,000	\$	45,000	
				2,832	3,196	2,925	1,485	2,802	1,956	1,756	3,273	2,596	2,498	3,441	3,118	31,878			
	assumption Projection Assume no demolition reimbursements to city commencing April / no recovery expected in 2020		100%	100%	100%	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%					
			2,832	3,196	2,925	1,485	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,438		(34,562)		
Public Safety	budget as is actual / forecast	\$	22,500	1,926	1,180	888	3,736	1,305	3,088	1,406	2,683	2,578	998	1,659	1,053	22,500	\$	22,500	
				4,320	557	1,654	9,319	1,305	3,088	1,406	2,683	2,578	998	1,659	1,053	30,620			
	assumption Projection Police records revenue, police professional standard and fire program expense reimbursement / assume 50% commencing April / mainly representing police records revenue		100%	100%	100%	100%	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%					
			4,320	557	1,654	9,319	653	1,544	703	1,342	1,289	499	830	527	23,235		735		
State Route Maint	budget as is actual / forecast	\$	127,000	31,507	-	-	-	31,507	-	-	-	-	-	-	63,986	127,000	\$	127,000	
				861	31,504	-	-	31,507	-	-	-	-	-	-	63,986	127,858			
	assumption Projection Assume City PW maintenance activity will continue as planned		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%					
			861	31,504	-	-	31,507	-	-	-	-	-	-	63,986	127,858		858		
PS School Reimburse	budget as is actual / forecast	\$	431,000	-	214,847	-	-	-	-	-	-	216,153	-	-	-	431,000	\$	431,000	
				-	217,114	-	-	-	-	-	-	72,000	-	-	-	289,114			
	assumption Projection Assume school in session 2.5 mths Jan to May and 3.5 mths Aug to Dec is 6 mths of 9 mth school year / assume 67% reimbursement from school district		100%	100%	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%	0%					
			-	217,114	-	-	-	-	-	-	72,000	-	-	-	289,114		(141,886)		
Total Fees External			\$	3,703,658	164,465	399,257	223,438	232,278	560,563	439,949	216,735	212,655	453,827	190,794	169,411	440,286	3,703,658	\$	3,703,658
Projection				159,160	365,180	131,224	59,750	95,504	180,984	84,801	580,419	264,076	153,486	136,135	399,618	2,610,336		(1,093,322)	
Interest Income																			
Interest Income	budget as is actual / forecast	\$	100,000	4,389	6,564	6,606	10,870	9,862	7,082	8,279	7,774	11,275	8,089	6,532	12,678	100,000	\$	100,000	
				5,625	6,013	14,606	361	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	46,605			
	assumption Projection Assume cash flow (revenue shortfall) and interest rate reduction (market rates)		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%					
			5,625	6,013	14,606	361	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	46,605		(53,395)		

City of Decatur, Illinois
General Fund Revenue Projection
Assumptions

Date: May 6, 2020

City of Decatur, Illinois		Budget													Date: May 6, 2020	
General Fund Revenue Projection		Actual														
Assumptions		Projection														
Home		Baseline	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	Change vs.
	Assumption	Revenue \$	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Projection	Projection	Projection	Projection	Projection	Projection	Projection	Projection	Projection	Original Budget
General Fund Revenue	Projection															
Local Taxes	\$	20,764,500	866,947	1,143,932	856,713	795,611	955,504	619,718	5,505,510	926,044	3,950,114	775,662	995,374	1,764,595	19,155,723	(1,608,777)
State Taxes	\$	35,783,000	3,086,713	2,870,413	3,067,140	2,955,505	3,748,102	2,367,668	2,457,833	2,281,351	2,231,391	2,983,396	2,447,825	2,442,697	32,940,034	(2,842,966)
Other Gov Source	\$	410,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	218,552	-	152,212	-	-	39,236	410,000	-
Internal City Service	\$	8,247,909	677,203	774,207	658,153	683,276	647,275	626,489	757,073	652,916	635,108	761,228	888,326	659,509	8,420,763	172,854
3rd Party Revenue	\$	1,106,000	88,063	91,570	90,274	89,856	89,171	88,687	89,085	101,081	98,583	93,422	92,386	87,179	1,099,357	(6,643)
Grants	\$	384,933	36,782	9,380	6,575	10,242	15,119	71,039	16,241	13,106	46,883	5,109	12,847	155,409	398,732	13,799
External Fees Service	\$	3,703,658	159,160	365,180	131,224	59,750	95,504	180,984	84,801	580,419	264,076	153,486	136,135	399,618	2,610,336	(1,093,322)
Interest Income	\$	100,000	5,625	6,013	14,606	361	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	46,605	(53,395)
Total Revenue	\$	70,500,000	4,920,493	5,260,695	4,824,685	4,594,601	5,553,175	3,957,084	9,131,594	4,557,416	7,380,867	4,774,803	4,575,393	5,550,743	65,081,550	(5,418,450)
			ok	ok	ok	ok	xx	xx	xx	xx	xx	xx	xx	xx		

May 8, 2020

TO: Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe & City Council Members

FROM: Scot Wrighton, City Manager 
Matt Newell, Director of Public Works

RE: Delay of Planned Capital Expenditures

Along with salaries, pensions and insurance, capital infrastructure is one of the largest parts of the city's budget. Therefore, it is appropriate to evaluate planned capital infrastructure expenditures in determining whether savings can be achieved through the delay of certain projects to assist the city in weathering the current pandemic. However, while deferral of capital infrastructure may create short-term savings for a municipality, it can also create long-term costs in the form of higher costs later, interruption of a critical path of inter-dependent projects; and deferral can disrupt long-term contractual or regulatory commitments the city may have made with funding agencies and regulators.

The primary fiscal impact of COVID-19 will be experienced by the General Fund. Reductions in fuel sales and State of Illinois bond support for additional road improvements will reduce funding to both the State and Local Motor Fuel Tax Funds—which could (and likely will) reduce the quantity of roadwork the city contracts for and completes in 2020 and 2021. But staff believes the city's other special purpose and enterprise funds will have sufficient resources to fulfill their budgeted and authorized work. Even though non-MFT special purpose and enterprise funds should have sufficient resources this year, the City Council has expressed a desire to examine whether project delays should still be considered because increasing the balances in these non-General funds could help the city in the event the economic disruption from COVID-19 becomes so severe that interfund loans are required to maintain basic operations in the General Fund (Level #3).

Rather than decide project-by-project as they come to the City Council whether an infrastructure contract should be approved, staff has developed a rating system based on: 1) funding source; 2) whether delay of the project will disrupt a critical path; and 3) whether other system performance or public safety problems are created by delay. Additionally, the City Council could also evaluate the extent to which a project will contribute to local job creation.

There are no major capital infrastructure projects in the FY 2020 General Fund budget. All major capital infrastructure projects are in MFT and enterprise funds. The attached spreadsheet lists the 2020 projects, briefly describes each one, and incorporates the decision rules listed above to reach recommendations about those projects that could be delayed if the City Council wishes with the least disruption to future plans, regulatory commitments and critical path.

Project No	Project	Budget Estimate	Fund	Advertised Date	Bid Due Date	Criticality	Comments
Storm Sewer Fund							
15-21	Storm Drainage Improvement – 2802 N Main Juncture Structure	\$150,000	Storm Sewer	11-Mar-20	Underway	Medium	Critical Path: Approved by Council on 4/20/20. Portions of the drainage system have failed and its best not to defer.
20-09	Misc Sanitary Sewer and Storm Project	\$150,000	Storm Sewer	25-Mar-20	22-Apr-20	High	Critical Path: Approved by Council on 5/4/20, This project makes Emergency Repairs that cannot be deferred.
20-28	Sewer Lining Project	\$100,000	Storm Sewer	Mid May	Mid June	High	Critical Path: Project includes sewers that may need more substantial excavation and repair if project is deferred.
	Storm Drainage Improvement Project – Misc Locations	\$400,000	Storm Sewer	June	July	Medium	Delay Possible: The project scope can be reduced, but portions of the work are needed to avoid future critical storm damage or system failure.
	Storm and Sanitary Sewer Master Plan	\$175,000	Storm Sewer	TBD		Medium	Easily Deferred: Unlikely to expend any budget in FY 2020, goal is to issue RFP and select consultant to assess future needs.
Subtotal		\$975,000					
Sanitary Sewer Fund							
20-09	Misc Sanitary Sewer and Storm Project	\$500,000	Sanitary	25-Mar-20	22-Apr-20	High	Critical Path: Goes to Council 5/4/20, This project makes Emergency Repairs that cannot be deferred.
16-04	32 nd and Fulton Storm Sewer Project	\$1,600,000	Sanitary	15-Apr-20	6-May-20	High	Critical Path: Project has been deferred in previous years and is part of I&I reduction in this combined sewer area and part of the IEPA mandated I&I reductions.
	Sanitary Sewer Cleaning Project	\$200,000	Sanitary	Summer		Low	Easily Deferred: Project is to clean a large diameter sewer, minimal impact to delay a year if necessary
	MH Inspection RFP	\$75,000	Sanitary	Summer		Low	Easily Deferred: Next round of MH Inspections, a yearly project, minimal impact to delay
20-28	Sewer Lining Project	\$600,000	Sanitary	Mid May	Mid June	High	Critical Path: Project includes sewers that may need more substantial excavation repair if project is deferred. Project can possibly be reduced by half if needed, but lining that makes significant I&I reductions should not be delayed.
	Sanitary Sewer Herbicide Project	\$200,000	Sanitary	Mid May	Mid June	Medium	Delay Possible: Pipes at high risk for root intrusions. Project could be delayed but would add additional maintenance costs to the City sewer cleaning efforts now and in the future.
20-32	Manhole Rehab Project	\$250,000	Sanitary	August	September	Medium	Easily Deferred: Annual project that could be delayed
	Sanitary Sewer Asset Management	\$200,000	Sanitary	TBD		Low	Easily Deferred: Unlikely to complete project due to staffing
13-01	USEPA SSCAA	\$100,000	Sanitary	TBD		High	On Hold: Work is not planned to start until we receive USEPA approval
17-02	SCSAA T.A. 6 - Florian Basin	\$100,000	Sanitary	TBD		Medium	On Hold: Work is not planned to start until we receive USEPA approval

17-02	SCSAA T.A. 3N - Lost Bridge Basin North	\$450,000	Sanitary	TBD		Medium	Critical Path: Project is planned to start final design without USEPA approval to push for end to their oversight. Should proceed.
13-01	SCSAA T.A. 8 - Basin 5/6	\$200,000	Sanitary	TBD		Medium	On Hold: Work is not planned to start until we receive USEPA approval
18-01	SCSAA T.A. 9 - Ellen and Division	\$400,000	Sanitary	TBD		High	Critical Path: Project is planned to start final design without USEPA approval to push for end to their oversight. Should proceed.
	Storm and Sanitary Sewer Master Plan	\$175,000	Sanitary	TBD		Low	Easily Deferred: Unlikely expend any budget in FY 2020, goal is to issue RFP and select consultant.
Subtotal		\$5,050,000					

State Motor Fuel Tax Fund

2009-33	Brush College Rd Grade Separation	\$8,000,000	MFT			High	Critical Path: Project is underway to begin Spring 2021. Most of the funding is reimbursed by Federal and State funds.
18-05	Taylor Rd Bridge Replacement	\$300,000	MFT	20-Mar-20	24-Apr-20	High	Critical Path: State Letting, Total project 1.1 Million, delay would effect federal funding and bridge condition concerns.
20-08	Street Reconstruction project	\$775,000	MFT	15-Jan-20	6-Feb-20	High	Critical Path: Project is 75% complete. Finish.
19-33	Mound Road West Bridge Substructure Repair	\$250,000	MFT	July	August	Medium	Possible Defer: Can be deferred, MFT budget should be reviewed nearer to advertise date. Bridge structure condition is a concern.
19-04	Center St Bridge Replacement Design	\$305,000	MFT		Mar-21	High	Critical Path: Design is underway, project is estimated to be bid in 2021, road is down to 1 lane due to bridge condition. Proceed.
20-02	Meadowlark Bridge Replacement Design	\$100,000	MFT		23-Apr	High	Critical Path: Design is underway, project is estimated to be bid in 2021, road is down to 1 lane due to bridge condition.
19-32	IDOT Eldorado West Street Traffic Signal Upgrade Agreement	\$65,000	MFT		TBD	High	Critical Path: IDOT project, Council approved agreement with IDOT for the City's portion off the project, project would be difficult to delay.
19-36	IDOT Rt 36 East Traffic Signal Upgrade Agreement	\$250,000	MFT		25-Apr	High	Critical Path: IDOT project, Council approved agreement with IDOT for the City's portion off the project, project would be difficult to delay.
Subtotal		\$10,045,000					

Local Motor Fuel Tax Fund

20-25	Local Street Project	\$1,100,000	LMFT	15-Jan-20	6-Feb-20		Critical Path: Project is underway with water services and Concrete work. Street paving could be scaled back.
Subtotal		\$1,100,000					

Non-Lake Capital Water Fund

20-25	Street Project Lead Service Replacements	\$275,000	Water Nonlake	15-Jan-20	6-Feb-20	High	Critical Path: This is part of the Local MFT street project. Water Service replacement has started in the project area.
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20-10	Watermain Replacement Project	\$2,700,000	Water Nonlake	8-Jan-20	5-Feb-20	High	Delay Possible: Project has started with approx. 25% of the watermain installed, project is set up into for phases and could be reduced with minimal impact. Finish the project.
20-23	Valve and Hydrant Replacement Project	\$380,000	Water Nonlake	8-Jan-20	5-Feb-20	High	Delay Possible: Project has started with approx. 50% of the valve locations installed, remaining locations could be delayed or deferred.
18-34	Water Utility Sustainability Study	\$430,000	Water Nonlake		2019	High	Critical Path: CDM Smith has started the study, majority of the study could be delayed except the risk and resilience report required by USEPA. Overall Water System planning is contingent on the completion of this study. Project should proceed as too many other projects depend on study results.
	Water Distribution Leak Detection Survey	\$35,000	Water Nonlake		Summer	High	Delay Possible: This is an annual project that could be delayed, although the leaks detected and repaired are a significant cost savings.
	Hydrant Painting and Water Main Valve Assessment	\$120,000	Water Nonlake		Fall	Medium	Easily Deferred: Project is still in the concept phase. Staff can begin this work. \$56,000 still owed on last year's contract.
	Replace Valve Turner Truck #124.	\$95,000	Water Nonlake			Low	Easily Deferred: A vehicle purchase.
20-10	Replace Dump Truck #127	\$140,000	Water Nonlake			Low	Easily Deferred: A vehicle purchase.
20-23	Replace Van #104	\$28,000	Water Nonlake			Low	Easily Deferred: A vehicle purchase.
18-34	Replace Vacuum Excavator #116	\$450,000	Water Nonlake			Low	Easily Deferred: A vehicle purchase.
Subtotal		\$4,653,000					
Lake Capital Water Fund							
19-40	Bascule Gate Repairs	\$325,000	Water Lake		Ongoing	High	Critical Path: Project underway and needed to safely repair the dam control machinery.
	Electrician Maintenance Van	\$24,000	Water Lake			Low	Easily Deferred: A vehicle purchase.
	Replace vehicle 153	\$37,000	Water Lake			Low	Easily Deferred: A vehicle purchase.
	Replace vehicle 156	\$28,000	Water Lake			Low	Easily Deferred: A vehicle purchase.
	South Water Treatment Plant Improvements	\$443,000	Water Lake		Summer	Low	Easily Deferred: A vehicle purchase.
	East Clarifiers Conversion	\$82,186	Water Lake		Fall	Medium	Easily Delayed: This project is waiting on the sustainability review being completed by CDM Smith. It is likely not to begin this year.

	Lake Decatur Watershed Management Plan	\$700,000	Water Lake		Ongoing	High	Critical Path: Project is underway and critical to begin the reduction of sediment flowing into the lake. This project could be delayed, but it should not be.
	EPA Nonpoint Source Pollution Control	\$25,000	Water Lake		Summer	High	Delay Possible: This funds erosion control work in the lake watershed.
	Lake Decatur Sediment Control	\$35,000	Water Lake		Summer	High	Delay Possible: This funds erosion control in the lake watershed.
19-38	Additional Water Supply	\$130,000	Water Lake		Summer	High	Delay Possible: Have begun the consultant selection process to lower the treatment plant intake. This could be delayed if needed.
Subtotal		\$1,829,186					



COVID-19 Awareness and Impact Survey Report

City of Decatur, IL

Executive Summary

The following report is an analysis of **1,688 resident responses** to a COVID-19 Awareness and Impact Survey designed by Zencity and deployed by the City of Decatur **between the 4/22-5/6 2020**. A live report of the answers is available in the [following link](#). **Conclusions and recommendations can be found at the end of this report.**

The main takeaways from the survey analysis include:

- over 90% of respondents claim to be following the majority of measures to keep the coronavirus from spreading most of the time / always, with the exception of using a mask/PPE.
- Only 65% of residents are certain that they know what to do if they or a family member become exposed to the virus.
- Among the city's information channels, the city's social media accounts are the most popular for COVID-19 updates, used by 35% of respondents (after official news and health sources).
- 32% of respondents experienced significant disruption to their income, with paying rent / mortgage and utility bills being their main concerns at the moment. 19% of respondents have been either permanently or temporarily displaced from work.
- With relation to the adaptation of certain services at this time - support for local businesses and communication with residents received a lower score than the rest.
- 48% of residents believe the measures enacted by the city are balanced, reporting an average of 2.8 out of 5 in terms of the negative effect these measures have on their quality of life.
- The answers to the open-ended question reveal 3 main concerns:
 - Requests for better enforcement of measures particularly at shops and big stores and a misunderstanding why the latter are allowed to operate as usual.
 - Requests for wearing masks in public to be made mandatory, specifically in shops and open spaces.
 - A call for a slow, calculated and monitored reopening of the economy, starting with local shops and stores.





Residents' Awareness to Guidelines and Measures

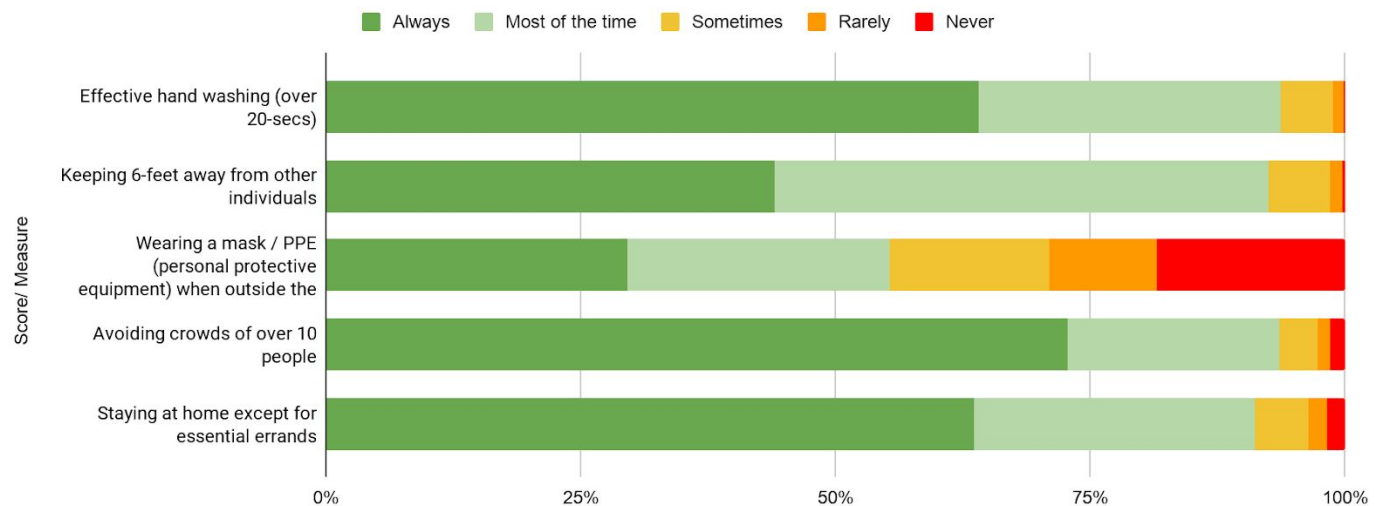
1. *How frequently are you taking the following measures to keep the coronavirus from spreading?"*

Residents were asked about 5 measures:

1. Effective hand washing
2. Keeping 6 feet away from others
3. Wearing a mask / PPE when outside the house
4. Avoiding crowds of over 10 people
5. Staying at home except for essential errands

Answers to these questions indicate that over 90% of respondents follow the majority of the measures 'always' or 'most of the time'. The main exception is with regards to wearing a mask / PPE when outside the house, where that indication falls to just above 50%. This is due to the fact that wearing a mask while out is not yet mandatory in Decatur. 'Keeping 6-feet away from other individuals' also has a relatively lower level of people indicating they observe that measure 'always'.

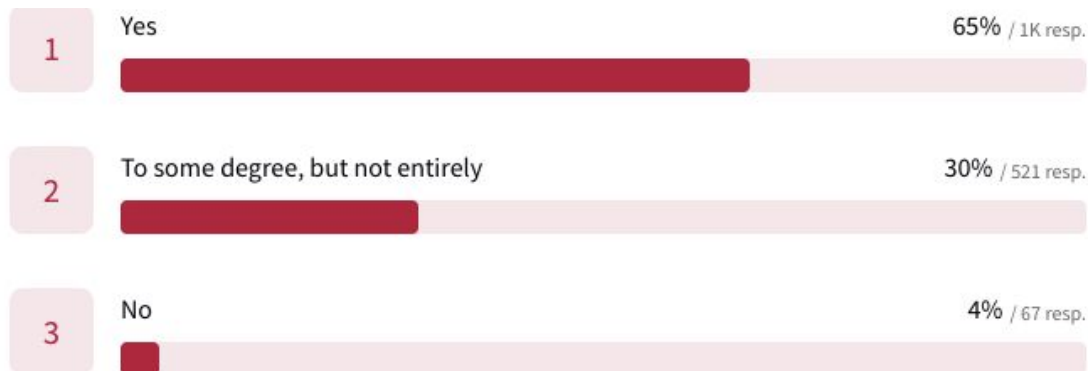
Preemptive Measures





2. *Do you feel that you know what to do in case you and/or a family member become exposed to the virus?*

Interestingly, only 65% residents are certain that they know what to do if they or a family member become exposed to the virus. Yet, the fact that nearly 40% either aren't sure or claim not to know what to do, is alarming, and should be addressed with clear, concise and more frequent communication.



Residents' Main Sources of Information

3. *Which of the following sources do you frequently use to get information about the coronavirus?*

As the chart on the following page indicates, the media sources most frequently used to get information about the situation by residents are local and national online news websites and official health resources. These are followed by local and national TV channels. The city's social media accounts (Facebook and Nextdoor) are the primary municipal sources residents use. Note that the city's website ranks last in the list of sources.

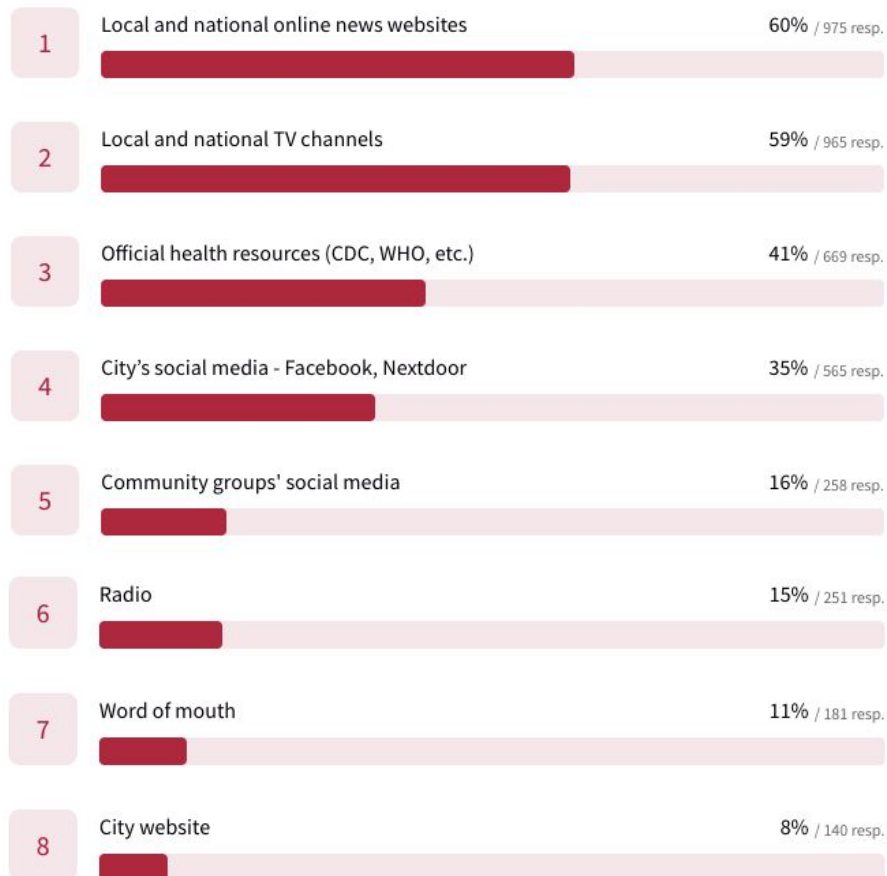
In relation to this, the open-answers included comments of residents who ask to be more frequently informed about the situation by their city. Some also stressed the importance of reporting hard facts and guidelines in order to combat misinformation.





Which of the following sources do you **frequently use to get information** about the coronavirus?

1K out of 1K answered





Residents' Employment and Income related Concerns

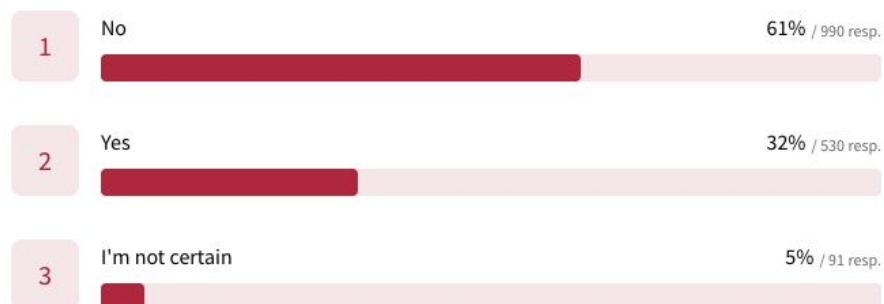
4. Are you a business owner/operator?

Of those responding to the survey, 11% (179 responses) are business owners or operators.



5. Have you experienced significant disruption to your income as a direct result of COVID-19 events?

While 61% of respondents claim they have not yet experienced disruption to their income, over 30% already have.





6. *What are your most pressing concerns related to providing for yourself and your family members? (check all that apply)*

Interestingly, 43% of responses claim that none of the options are of main concern to them. Of the choices provided to survey-takers, the main concerns are paying mortgage or rent and utility bills. This correlates with a growing national concern of citizens with regards to being able to meet those payments' deadlines. In response to that, many cities have been considering relaxing or freezing certain utility charges and avoiding any cut-offs of power and water from those who can't afford to pay. Furthermore, in some cities a moratorium on eviction has been enacted and rent-freeze is being considered, to mitigate a potential housing/homelessness crisis.

To review all the inputs for “other”, please refer to appendix A.





7. Are you aware that most utilities have provided payment deferment options, during this emergency order, including City utility bill, internet providers, and Ameren?

When asked if they're aware of deferment options for certain bills and fees, a third of respondents claimed to have been unaware of these options, stressing the need for better and clearer communication around their alternatives.

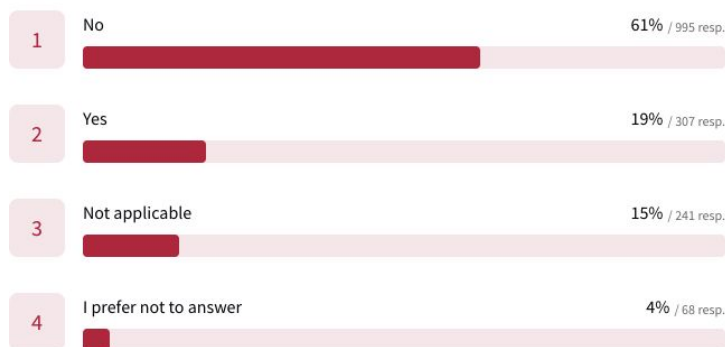


8. Have you been permanently or temporarily displaced from employment?
9. Are you able to accept alternate employment at this time?

Nearly 20% of respondents have been temporarily or permanently displaced from employment. Out of those (307), over half claim to not be able to accept alternate employment at this time.

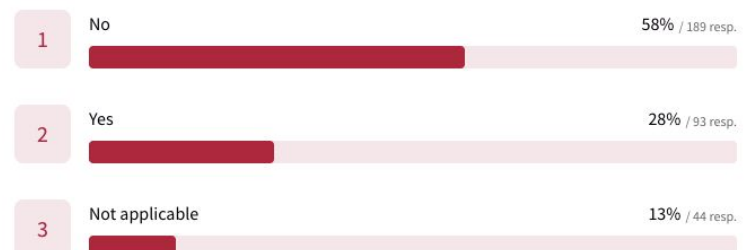
Have you been permanently or temporarily displaced from employment?

1K out of 1K answered



Are you able to accept alternate employment at this time?

326 out of 1K answered





10. Are you aware of the unemployment benefits available to you?

Of those who are unable to accept alternative employment, a majority are aware of unemployment benefits available to them.

Are you aware of the unemployment benefits available to you?

189 out of 1K answered



11. Do you have adequate access to the Internet to stay connected to family and friends, pursue education, work-from-home, etc.?

12. Are you aware that you can get free internet right now due to the COVID-19 crisis?

Not surprisingly, an overwhelming majority of respondents to the *online* survey claim to have adequate internet access. Of those who didn't (50 respondents), a majority is unaware they are able to get free internet at the moment. This considerate measure should be made clearer to relevant populations.

Do you have adequate access to the Internet to stay connected to family and friends, pursue education, work-from-home, etc.?

1K out of 1K answered



Are you aware that you can get free internet right now due to the COVID-19 crisis?

55 out of 1K answered





Residents’ Perceptions of their Community and City’s Services at this Time

13. Have you received any assistance in the last 60 days from at least one of the multiple local social service agencies helping during this emergency?

95% of respondents claim they did not receive assistance from one of the local social service agencies in the last 60 days. If those are currently offering assistance to a wider variety of communities, those services should be communicated in the city’s official channels and on those of its community partners.

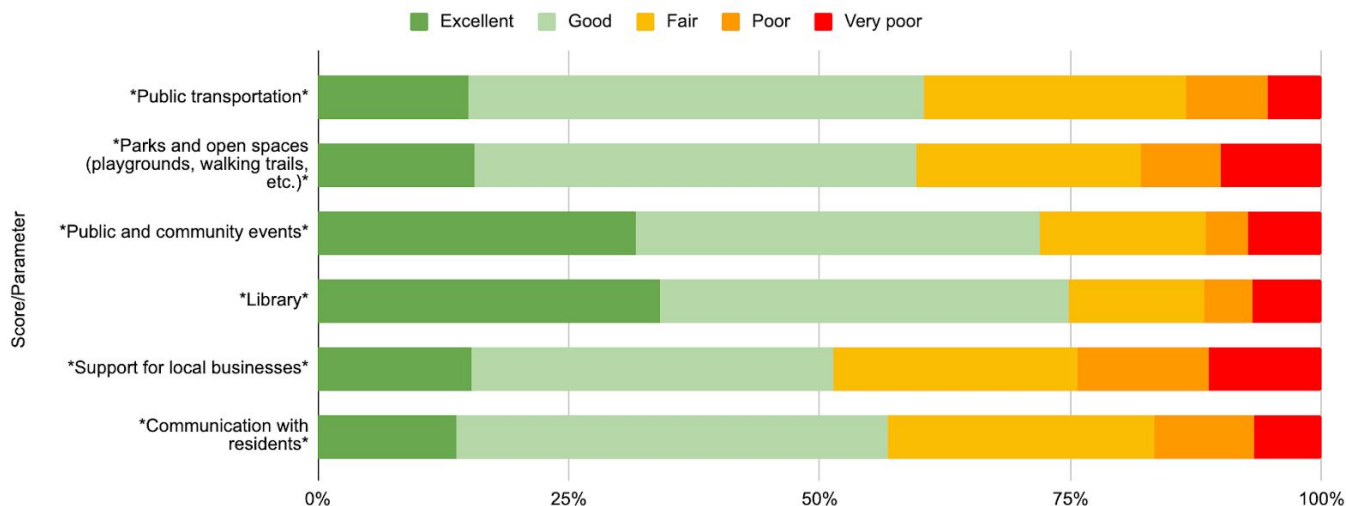


14. How would you rate the response to the coronavirus outbreak with respect to each of the following services?

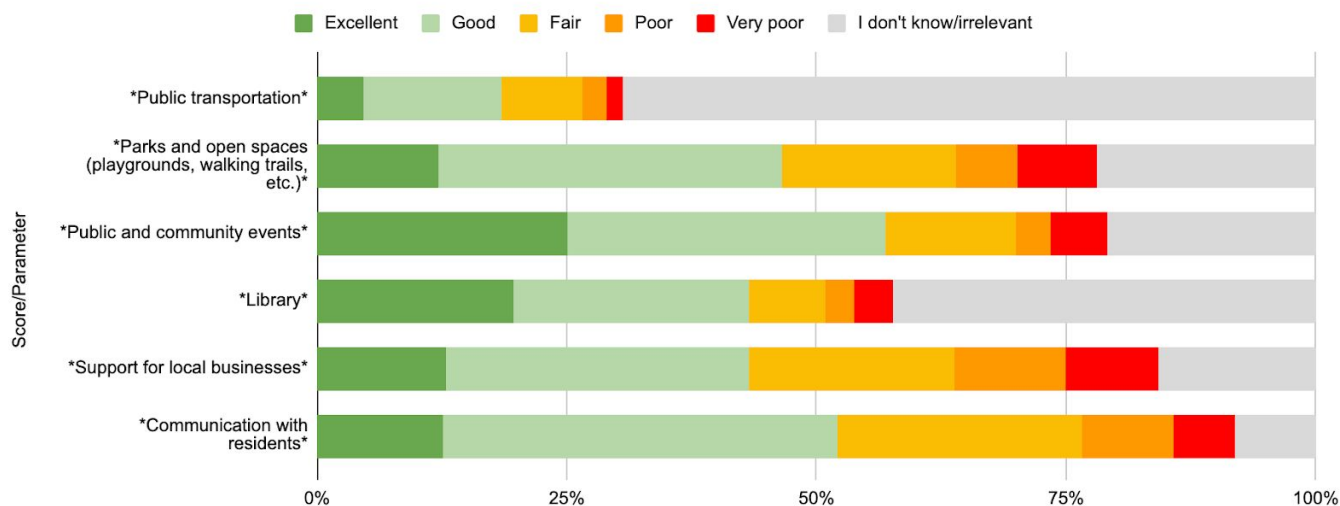
As the charts below indicate, when ‘cleaning out’ the ‘irrelevant/don’t know’ responses, most services received a score of ‘excellent’ or ‘good’ by over 50% of respondents. That being said, support for local businesses and communication with residents fall short of other services, as also indicated by the responses to the open-ended question (see next section). Public transportation received the highest number of ‘irrelevant/don’t know’ responses, probably due to the fact that people currently rely on their private cars for transportation, more than usual.



City Services (Only relevant answers)



City Services





Residents Perception of the Current Measures and the Impact on their Lives

15. To what extent are the measures taken by our city impacting your quality of life?

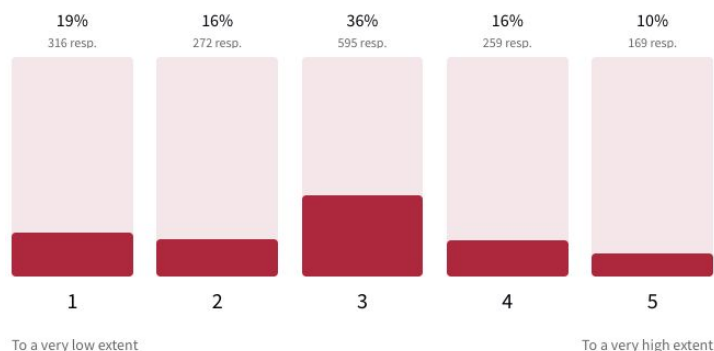
16. Which of the following best reflects your opinion about the measures taken in our city so far to prevent the virus from spreading?

Nearly half of respondents believe the measures currently enacted by the city are balanced, reporting an average of 2.8 out of 5 in terms of the negative effect these measures have on their quality of life. That being said, the analysis of the open-ended questions that follows, shows that many residents are requesting that the city enforces social distancing guidelines more proactively, especially in stores, and enacts a mandatory mask requirement for residents, among other requests.

To what extent are the **current measures** in our city negatively affecting your quality of life?

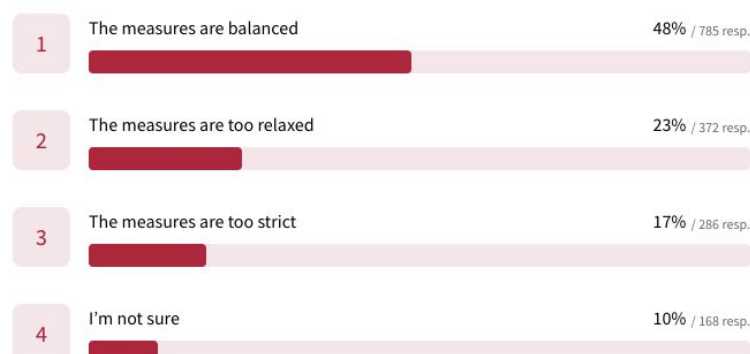
1K out of 1K answered

2.8 Average rating



Which of the following best reflects **your opinion about the measures** taken in our community so far to prevent the virus from spreading?

1K out of 1K answered

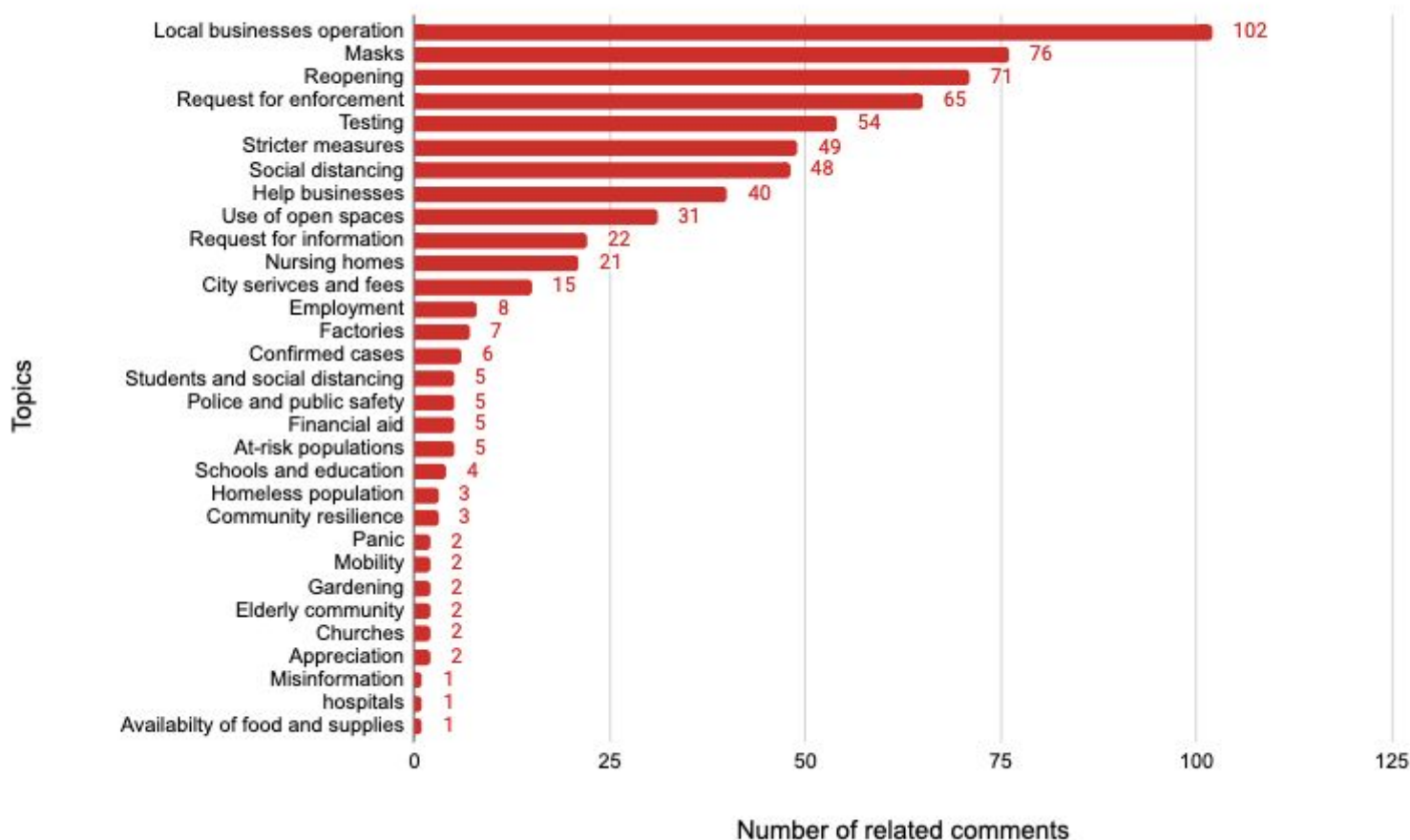


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17. Any other steps that you think the city should be taking at this time?

The graph below indicates the breakdown and volume of topics that residents focused on in their answer to the question above. **For the full breakdown and content of responses by topic see Appendix B.**

Residents' input regarding further steps and measures



The leading topics broken-down to main arguments:

A large sum of comments and requests made by respondents focused on the **operation of local businesses**. The main argument made by residents in this respect was regarding **the operation of large businesses, such as Walmart and Target, compared to that of smaller, local shops**. Many claimed **the situation to be unfair** when Walmart and such are deemed essential while the latters are forced to shut. On that note, **the distinction between essential and non-essential is very unclear** to many residents and should be more formally explained and enforced.



A request to enact a mandatory mask requirement was mentioned by at least 76 respondents. The majority of those stressed the need **particularly in shops and stores and while in public spaces.**

Third in volume, was **a call for a calculated and monitored reopening of the economy**. Residents request to allow **more businesses to be considered ‘essential’** in order for a routine to slowly return. Some comments were more bold, requesting an immediate return to “normal”.

As the situation evolves, and uncertainty of the true effect of the virus in Decatur, **many raised the need for universal testing.**

Enactment and enforcement of stricter measures were requested by many residents as well. **Many claim that measures such as a curfew or total lockdown are essential if the city wishes to truly contain the virus from spreading.** Others indicate that **social distancing isn't kept nor enforced in many parts of the city, and that residents are constantly making non-essential trips to the shops.** That being said, several residents requested that **open-space such as parks, walking trails and golf courses would re-open** as they provide people with the ability to maintain their mental and physical health while keeping at a distance from others.

A word cloud generated by the responses to the open-ended question:





Conclusions and Recommendations

Based on the survey results to both the closed-ended and open-ended questions it seems that many respondents believe the city should currently enact and enforce stricter measures and guidelines in order for the situation in Decatur to improve or at least not get worse. This includes adding a requirement to wear a mask, clearer distinction between essential and non-essential businesses, and enforcing stricter adherence to social distancing, particularly at shops and stores.

- **The city should, therefore, consider communicating the gravity and importance of the current measures more vocally. Regulations about which businesses are allowed to operate and how should also be made clearer. Stricter enforcement of the measures could set an example of the consequences for not following the guidelines, and making the wearing of masks mandatory should be evaluated. For examples of best practice communication efforts, see [Zencity's report on best practices for effective messaging during the crisis](#).**

Seeing that nearly 40% of the residents aren't entirely sure what to do in case they or a family member become exposed to the virus, could cause further panic if the virus is to spread in the area or if another location-based exposure, such as in the nursing home, is to occur again.

- **Communicating directly and clearly the protocol of what a resident is required to do if he/she begins showing symptoms, and what these symptoms are, can help reduce stress and the number of residents turning to the wrong agency seeking assistance.**

The vast array of communication channels used by residents to stay informed on the situation goes to show the level of interest they take in it. The survey results also indicate that residents would like to see their city communicate information more regularly with them about new developments and measures as they unfold.

- **It is therefore advised to enhance communication on existing official and unofficial channels by the city so that residents will regard the city as a reliable and consistent source of information. If possible, consider communicating with the less tech-savvy residents in simpler means - mail / text messaging.**





With regards to employment and income, judging by the responses to the survey, the situation in Decatur doesn't seem to be as grave as in other cities across the country. Many residents are requesting the city to consider easing restrictions on some businesses in order to help them survive and to commence the reopening of the economy.

- **Nonetheless, the city should keep a close eye on any changes in respect to employment and make sure information regarding alternate employment and unemployment benefits is frequently and widely available to residents. Residents' concerns regarding small businesses should also be addressed by providing them with support and information needed to remain afloat through and after the pandemic is over. To learn what measures have been taken by other cities in order to help the local economy [see our best-practices blog post on the issue.](#)**

To conclude, we encourage the city to close the "feedback loop" around the issues raised by residents through this survey and communicate the current and future policies, initiatives, and efforts enacted by the city and its partners in order to keep residents safe and healthy. There seems to be a clear divide between those who wish stricter measures were enacted and those who wish to see the economy in Decatur reopen and things return to normal. The city should therefore devise a policy that balances these requests and sets and communicates a clear conditional timeline for the weeks to come.





Appendix A: Topic breakdown for the open text responses to ‘other’ in the question

*What are your most pressing concerns related to providing for yourself and your family members?
(check all that apply)*

Other...
worry about my daughters and granddaughters
Income
Caring for family not local
keeping my employees and those we serve healthy
Cut hours by employer
E learning with my kids while still being an essential employee
Car payment, finding food for my famili
health care workers staying safe. I have health care workers in my family
Keeping myself and family safe
Lonelinessd
Not dying
Paying my loans, phone
I do inhome childcare. I wanna work
None of those are serious issues for me YET
Keeping us safe from the virus
Outdoor activities closed, even when social distancing is the norm. IE; golfing
Eyesight affected, I am needing my second eye's cataract surgery.
My divorce case
Elderly parents live in another state conceded that I may not be able to go visit them and concerned if they get covid 19 that I will not be able to see them.
Seeing doctors for none COVID reasons
How others don't take it seriously
Obtaining groceries and supplies
We dont have testing or masks to protect ourselves
The taxes I will have to pay to cover all this unemployment and snap benefits
running errands safely such as groceries



husband has stage 4 cancer, getting supplies without going out is our biggest concern
Food
I work with the Decatur Masonic Temple, they have had to cancel many events which is a large loss of income, inhibiting them the ability to pay their bills, they have no employees so no funding available.
Caring for family if one or more were to get sick. Getting essentials if we are Quarantined. Hoping my kids or husband arent hospitalized.
I'm scared because I'm an "essential employee"
Potential economic fallout and job loss after the initial impact.
lack of work
My federal student loan was sold to a private lender. I did not receive the zero interest or delayed due date.
Working as a nurse
Providing education and development for my young children while also working from home
Getting groceries
My gma that's in fairhaven n the fact the stores continue to be bare n price gouging
Caring for my family living away from Decatur
Food
Trouble getting unemployment card
That I am safe when I'm out getting supplies
Schools closed
Being able to isolate in the house
Child with underlying condition
Have health insurance if laid off
getting exposed by working at the plasma center
Staying safe at work
Long term employment
Making sure my parents stay healthy and financially ok
Personal Safety - how is this not on there?
Supporting small businesses
My Kids employment status
Loneliness
Death, high risk



My age I am eighty eight
Paying all bills
Family lo
How long my employment will continue
I have ARDS which means I am unlikely to survive the virus. My husband still has to work which is good in that we have income, but worrisome in that we have to depend on the positive social distancing habits of other.



Appendix B: Topic breakdown for the open text responses to the question

Any other steps that you think the city or the community should be taking at this time?

Local businesses operations - 97 comments:

Masks should be a requirement to enter any business. Have a wipe for cart and hand gel for people to use prior to entering. Plastic Panels for all retail staff. Disposable mask suspending machine would be nice at stores. Limit amount of boats and people around the lake. Prevent fishing other than in a boat. Fast food restaurants need to use hand sanitizer after each exchange of money instead of wearing the same glove for all transactions. Pay essential workers more for exposing themselves daily. We need tests to look for antibodies. A plan for opening up small businesses labeled non essentials by putting these safe guards in place. Keep playgrounds closed and movie theaters and restaurants for eating inside. Only curbside. Also workers in all establishments should be required to wear masks.

Don't understand why Walmart has reopened both enterences...in terms of care facilities, when first case was/is confirmed- ALL staff, residents, contract vendors need immediate testing instead of what has happened. There is an issue with some small business owners that can't qualify for assistance during this crisis because they are the only employee... this is sad. There is no strong communication about what is going to happen with graduation with dps61 seniors. If cancelled, the result could put another small business (Illinigrad) into financial ruin as people seek refunds for the graduation packages already paid for. The schools have not reached out to parents yet to let them know what is being discussed to let them have an input.

I have watched this city be very strict with all of our small businesses and how they are or are not able to operate anymore. Yet I look at the parking lots of big stores and I see no restrictions. I have been to farm and fleet which is in the city limits and people are coming and going with no restrictions. The Walmart on ash Avenue has done nothing to restrict the amount of people in their store which is not helping the problem. The city has closed down tobacco shops with ceased and desist orders yet the alcohol stores are still open and allowing people to come inside. The city needs to focus on the places where mass people are gathering like Walmart and leave the small businesses that make up this community alone

The places of business that are allowed to remain open are completely unfair. Small businesses rarely have more than 10 people in at a time and by limiting the number of businesses to be open you are literally giving some places ALL the business. and these businesses are not wearing masks at all. Ace hardware -mt Zion packed no mask pizza factory ...had to go inside to get pizza...no masksMenards PACKED last Saturday ...no limit to the number allowed in and no masks on employees.....and finally the nursing homewhere do the employees live ? Can we be sure they are protecting the rest of us ? The residents had to get it from a visitor or staff . There is absolutely no surveillance in this county .



I am working my second job at a local pharmacy CVS. The customers are coming into the store more often... more customers all the time! Most of the customers are coming in and shopping not for essentials ... couponers just out couponing, people buying alcohol a lot! Not following social distancing guidelines get mad at us for telling them to follow guidelines. Refuse to do it! We don't have enough time to clean regularly not enough PPE for employees it is awful. I appreciate the ability to work but community members are NOT listening to go out for essentials only, employees stressed because not enough time to clean properly someone is eventually going to become sick or exposed.

The stores are not all sanitizing carts and employees are not wearing masks. I know for a fact dollar general is not sanitizing nor has wipes to do so yourself. Too many non essential places are open. And the restaurant kansas city bbq is having customers come inside to get their order i was shocked from this i sat outside for 15 minutes and nobody came out but several customers went in. There should be stricter limits on the number of people in stores like Walmart because the customers are still standing too close to people and do not seem to care i was picking up my medication and had to as a lady multiple times to please step back and she was rude and made nasty remarks.

Big box stores are overcrowded while other retailers have been asked to close. Grocery stores are crowded and have inadequate food supplies. People are out with their whole family. Although stores have signs up regarding social distancing and areas marked off with tape, social distancing is not being enforced, stores are overcrowded, and the majority of people in public are not wearing masks putting many of our residents at risk. Just located hand sanitizer for the first time in 6 weeks and the price was ridiculous. Who is monitoring for price gouging for this and other essential items?

I think kroger grocery is not keeping their employees safe. Service counters such as meat and seafood where employees are up close and personal with the public. Those counters should not be open. It is unsafe for employees and customers as well. Mt. Zion kroger has a limit of 460 some people which is a joke. There will never be that many people in there at one time. Get for real protect your employees and customers.

Give businesses the option of opening with crowd stipulations, open restaurants with less crowds, maybe with reservations for so many at a time, movie theaters with these are your seats off set start times if movies go there's less people at once. Just be safe and if people decide to not follow these or numbers go up, obviously hi back to the stay home with closing businesses again.

Recently Wal-Mart seems to be allowing less in the store (week of 4/20) at one time. Before this time and due to the amount of marketing displays in the aisles, people were on top of each other moving at a very slow pace. Kroger has also not taken many steps in curtailing large crowds in the stores at one time. Families should also not be in the stores together at one time.

Ensure that stores like Walmart are watching and limiting the number of customers in the building. My elderly parents went with proper PPE but said there were a ton of people in the store. Where small businesses aren't allowed to be open and limit their customers. We need to support our small business community and allow them opportunities to keep their businesses going



I felt that people are gathering inside Walmart north and a lot of residents shopping at the store where not obeying by the guidelines. I tried to stay six feet away but others where not felt to close to a lot of people. Also a lot of people before the outbreak and during are flying down the streets water main Franklin and others driving at high rates of speed.

Just try an make sure that the buisnesses in our town are actually giving employees ppe that they need and are held accountable. Like the nursing home in our city with most of the outbreaks. Just want to make sure the big an small buisnesses are not thinking of there bottom line an forgetting the people that work for them would be my only concern.

To many people at places like menards etc. I needed a few grocery items so I figured Menards would be less busy, I went there and it was worse than black Friday, no way you could social distance. Also we need way more testing, I know several people that are sick and can't get their test or if they do get tested it doesn't get sent in.

People are still shopping for non essentials because places like walmart and Target are open. I have only done grocery pick up at Walmart and the amount of people I see in the parking lot shopping in groups is appalling. Other states have roped off non-essential departments and require masks. I think Decatur should do the same.

If we can allow people in Walmart w restrictions I think small businesses should have the same opportunity. Camping, golf outdoor activists that are less than 10 people per group should be allowed. More options so people don't get fed up and stop social distancing all together. Let's find good ideas to keep people focused.

The amount of daily life, shopping at the only open stores is WAY over the safe limit. 400 people shopping at Walmart, Kroger, Lowe's and so on is NOT okay. If it is, you may as well open other locations. Most small business can't hold that many people, so if it's safe for the big guys, should be safe for the little guys.

People in businesses should not be admitted if bringing more than 1 other person with them, including children. People should be handed a disinfectant wipe at the door. They should be required to wear a mask. People should b counted and aisles should be marked one way to prevent crowding.

How is it that liquor stores are essential but schools and churches must be closed. You are either all in on staying home which means grocery and gas stations are open and everything else is closed or you open everything back up. Your choice but you can't be half in and half out

Stores are still to full to practice 6ft inside the store. People ignoring placards on the floor saying do not enter. I have seen people eating with gloves on their hands that they touched many things with before eating. People hanging out with people they dont live with.

If you are going to be selective whom is essential I have an issue. Can someone explain carpet stores are essential? Or how concrete finishers in no masks, in close proximity of each other, pouring the approaches of a water park that won't open this year as essential?



The stores that are open like Walmart Ect allow to many people inside. Everytime we go or people we know they allow familys that bring in 4 or 5 kids, No one wears masks not even employees. Only one person per family should be allowed unless someone needs assitance.

I work at Walgreens people don't keep thier distance. And get mad when you ask them to step back from other people in the check out line. A lot of people do not wear a mask do not wear gloves do not take a lot of precautions I think it needs to be enforced more

Open businesses such as grocery stores and home improvement stores are packed with people plus most are not wearing masks. Some type of enforcement must be made to keep people safe! I go out only for food and animal supplies and do not feel safe at all.

Need to crack down on the amount of people going in and out of all stores, people out shopping in general as if things were back to normal. There are far too many people out and about that arent out for essential employment or essential shopping.

Walmart and other stores are still way to busy all the time and people are waiting in lines way to close at some restaurants to pick up food I have been out 2 times and people are not wearing masks Seems like people are not even trying to comply

Essential stores ie: Krogers, Walmart, Sam's, etc. Should all have one way traffic in their aisles. it is impossible to maintain the 6ft safe distancing when passing in store aisles. Also, masks should be mandatory when inside any public place.

I truly believe businesses that are not essential shouldn't be open. To me, title and pay day loans are not essential businesses. If you aren't working, how are you going to be paying those back. Also banks do not need to be open 6 days a week

The stores that are still open including gas stations have way to many customers in them and I don't want to go shopping for what I need because of this it seems staying home means there are more people out shopping instead of staying home

I see people out with their children in stores with no ppe at all. Why do the stores not have their workers protected with ppe. Neighbors still having big house parties. Realize there aren't enough resources for the city to take it all on.

The stores are not limiting the customers enough and employees are not wearing masks. Not all restaurants are making you stay in the car for curbside pick up. I went to one pick up dinner and had to go in to pick it up. (Kansas city bbq)

Allow more local small businesses to open with regard to them keeping safe practices. If Farm and Fleet can allow customers to buy bird seed then all businesses should be allowed to be open upon them implementing safe practices.

Too often when I have observed others not respecting social distancing and not wearing masks. This is especially prevalent in grocery and convenience stores. I feel at risk when these reasonable guidelines are not required.



Inside essential stores there are plenty of signs n.v s about social distancing but adherence is terrible not only among patrons bug among employees and my estimate is that about 50% of people are wearing masks.

Enforce the number of customers in essential business establishments. Some of these stores have parking lots with more than 30 cars and well above the 50+ for retail. Covid has spread here worse than you know.

The businesses that are open versus the businesses that are closed doesnt make sense. Any business can implement protective measures. Every business is ESSENTIAL to the owner, employees, and customers.

I'm appalled by the lack of Employees and customers not wearing masks, not keeping distance at Kroger and Target. It seems like the majority of people in this town do not take these measures seriously.

Getting groceries and supplies are essential uprooted shopping the swimsuit section,etc at target is not. If small business are shut down there needs to be more restrictions on big businesses

Big box stores took too long to limit folks onsite, lack proper PPE for employees. These stores are far busier then need be because people are bored and these stores are something to "do"

Stores should be pickup only. To many people are just wandering around shopping because they have nothing else to do. Tickets should be given to people having large gatherings.

Encouraging people not to use the few stores that are open as 'get away' places. Limit the # of people per family/group that can enter the stores. Enforce the use of masks.

I think grocery store shoppers should be more limited and enforced. I think places like Lowe's, Rural King, etc. should have shortened hours, stricter shopping guidelines.

I don't know the solution- but there are too many people out for non-essential items. Cutting off availability of non-essential items would stop enabling people to be out.

Stores are still too crowded, and workers are wearing no PPE. We should limiting occupancy at businesses and mandating employees wear PPE when in contact with the public.

Lowe's, Menards and places similar have not practiced social distancing all along. I understand home improvements are keeping people occupied but still over crowded.

Most stores I've been in are much busier than they should be. Parks, or places where kids and adults can get fresh air and exercise should find a way to be open

Holding companies accountable. Small business is following rules. Walmart says only 100 people in the store at a time and then changes that up out of nowhere.

Should have included hair dressers as essential workers. Seeing politicians from all levels are able to get their hair cut, but us average Joe's can't.

People should stop congregating in the stores in the isles to visit. Walmart trying to control, but people moving to Kroger and other places to visit.



Try to make business workers where masks and gloves and the general public when they are grocery shopping. Too many just do not believe this is real.
stricter store guidelines i see too many people in my 1 out of 10 day shopping just hanging out and being irresponsible in their transactions
Stop all non-essential shopping. Menards, Lowes, walmart all look like black friday every weekend. Car loads going to just wander the store.
I don't think car dealerships should be essential. They just brought back every employee which doesn't allow for us to be 6 feet apart.
Many non essential businesses still operating. Big box stores saying they are limiting the number of people in stores but they are not
keeping liquor stores open but not ssc office and dmv. Keeping Caterpillar open, while knowing its not essential at this time.
Better social distancing in stores, better monitoring of large groups of people congregating, better/transparent communication
Make people stop risking other people's lives by using walmart and others places as a place to hangout with there friends
Allow retail stores to reopen. The amount of people in walmart and grocery stores are worse than any small retail store.
Opening of local businesses. Wal-Mart is getting fat and happy but the smaller retailers are locked up tight. Not fair.
Use common sense. Certain businesses have less contact than some 'essential' businesses but are being forced to close.
Open up businesses that can properly use ppe. Salons , tattoo parlor. Not dental offices, they are too close to mouth.
There are still too many families going out to stores. A hard crackdown as to one person shopping needs to happen.
Aisles in stores like Kroger and Walmart should be one directional to allow for adequate social distancing.
I think the stay at home should be enforced. Stores are still too crowded to practice social distancing.
Limiting how many are in grocery stores and encouraging shopping online and using pickup or delivery.
Making sure all business are providing all necessary items to remain safe while working in public
Restrict people in stores .people going to Walmart with mom dad and kids should not happen should require that essential businesses the amount of customers in stores at one time.



Maybe check in on some of the non essential offices at churches that should be closed
open small business as they can do no more harm than the big box stores of the city.
Limit the numbers of people in large stores. Make masks mandatory inside buildings.
Limiting stores to only allowing 1 person from each family in the store at a time.
People are taking their children into the stores and with no masks or protection.
Ensure people maintain distance from others in grocery stores or public places.
Stricter rules for businesses as Walmart, Kroger, etc. of hours, ppe, cleaning
Make sure only essential business are open . Carpet weavers is not essential!
People at in store No face protection on. WARNING from stores would be nice
Have hair cutting open to 1 at a time with precautions ie face mask
i really think stores like menards and lowes could be pick up only
I think the number of people in grocery stores should be lessened
Too many business have too many people in them at the same time
Too many of the restaurants here in town or breaking the rules
It seems that many businesses that are open are not essential.
More non essential stores need to close like the pawn shop.
Enforcing CDC/WHO social distancing guidelines for business
There are way TOO MANY businesses open deemed "essential"
Closing the liquor stores. People congregate there.
Some businesses are in question of being essential
They should lower gas prices and open hair salons
Allowing beauty salons to open with restrictiobs
Take out at restaurants is not essential.
Grocery stores. Are way to relaxed
To many "essential businesses"
Too much non essential buying
Close the Devon amphitheatre
All businesses are essential
Smaller crowds at Walmart



Masks - 74 comments:

I believe that if masks help in preventing this virus from growing. That if you leave your home, you should mandate that everyone should have one on. Even if it's a homemade mask 🤧. So people can start living normal lives again. That local businesses that are open should have hand sanitizer at their door entrance and exits. Business owners want to reopen their business and employees want to get back to work. But we all need to do safe practicing and distancing. I have read that some states are reopening but everyone has to wear masks 🤧. 🤧

I wish more people were wearing masks and practicing social distancing at the grocery store. I can't help but wonder and worry when I see some folks not being responsible...I worry about where they work and who they are exposing. I am not concerned about the city response as much as I am about community members taking public health guidelines seriously.

Make wearing a mask or a scarf or some kind of covering over your mouth and nose when in public mandatory.. Have strictly drive through, curb service , delivery, or no more than 5 people inside restaurants to pick the order up. Like at Subway, First Wok for instance, where people have to go inside to pick up the food

Mask of any kind should be enforced if out in public. To help the spread and help get over this so we can all get back to work! Recommend gloves which can be ordered online! The quicker we stop the spread the quicker we can get back to life and repair our economy and personal relations.

All people should wear a mask of some sort to make sure we aren't passing this to others. We should be testing more people especially those with other health concerns. All nursing homes, rehab centers, theraputic center should have PPEs and tempatures of all patients and staff daily.

It is hard to say no to this question. Ultimately the city has done well, but businesses that remain open should make it mandatory that all employees wear masks and gloves and all customers entering an establishment must also wear masks and gloves or they cannot enter.

Face masks for community members like Springfield is offering. Plus our medical personnel I applaud but why are you not supporting the workers in the stores gas stations etc. They are what is keeping family's fed, clothes, hygiene items etc.

Provide masks to the community. A lot of people going out without mask. They are hard to find or made for some and feel that the city can help residents thar way specially that soon will be mandated in public places.

Proper education on how to wear PPE, healthcare instructors from Richland, or the hospitals could make videos explaining the proper way to put on masks and gloves and the proper way to take them off as well.

I believe those that do still have gathering such as grocery stores, gas stations should have proper ppe to give the individuals coming in because some may not have masks to wear while in the public!

Providing masks for those who dont have access. Continued and more thorough public health education regarding the spread, prevention, and how it affects vulnerable populations the most.



Since people want to act like idiots with no common sense, mandatory masks need to be implemented. I also believe, with current precautions and masks, some businesses could be opened
Mandatory masks in public, especially at grocery stores. Doing a better job of enforcing social distancing in Public places. Shutting down house parties, they are all over Decatur.
Late on public transportation ppe requirements. No n95 mask availability. Local instances of complete disregard for social distancing causing others to be put at risk.
Everyone should be atleast wearing masks when out. More testing should be available and the city should be giving more focus on long term care facilities
Mandatory mask wearing. Police enforcement of stay at home order... ie groups of kids playing b-ball, coaches holding practices for youth sports , etc
All resturants should be closed (no pick/up or delivery) and all should be required to wear masks to enter essential businesses. No mask -no entry.
The Macon County Health Dept. needs to hand out masks and gloves to the residents of Decatur. There needs to be a separate Coronavirus hospital.
People should not be allowed in the stores without a mask. People are wandering in stores and not abiding by the distance rules.
I think the stores that are open should refuse service to any person without a mask. Also limit persons to one cart, one person.
Require all businesses (specifically restaurants who are providing curbside/to-go services) to wear masks/gloves.
Anyone entering grocery stores, place of employment, ADM, Caterpillar , any public facility should wear a mast.
Everyone should be required to wear a mask when shopping . All small businesses should allow curbside pickup,
Enforce face masks to all in all public spaces, stronger controls for elderly population and facilities
I think it should be mandatory that everyone wears a face mask or cloth mask when in outside spaces
Make face coverings mandatory in ALL public/shared spaces(grocery store,gas station ect..)
Masks should be required. People should have to show proof they're on an essential trip
Not wearing of masks. Not wearing of gloves. Safety precautions for health in general.
mask should be worn while in public, also all store personal should wear mask
Making it mandatory that you wear a mask in all public places and buildings!!
Make masks mandatory, limit big box stores to fewer people inside at a time.
they should require masks everywhere esp stores and use the space guideline



Look at requiring masks in public close-contact places like grocery stores
Require everyone to wear mask when going out to stores and around others
Enforcing that citizens have to wear face masks in stores at all ti.rd
All store personnel should have to wear pipe as well as individuals
Masks being provided to residents and being required to be worn.
Not enough people are wearing masks and keeping their distance!
More PPE gear and disinfectant for all health care providers
Requiring residents to wear a mask outside of their home.
Make all workers wear face mask and gloves in businesses
Enforcing masks in public areas, such as Walmart, etc.
Requiring Essential Business Employees To wear Masks.
Make it mandatory to wear a mask in all public places
Making people were masks if they go to grocery store
Enforcing public to wear masks and social distancing
Everyone should be wearing a mask and they are not.
mandatory wearing of masks, free mask distribution
It Should be mandatory to wear a mask when outside
I feel like masks should be worn out in public.
Face masks must be worn in public at all times
Promote wearing mask and people staying home.
Making sure mask are being worn at all times
Require masks or other coverage over mouths
providing more masks. easier to access them
Everyone should be wearing masks in public
Require masks, too many people at stores
Mandatory of wearing face mask in public
When in public must mandatory wear mask
Enforce mask wearing in public places
Limit people in shops, require masks
Re define essential. Require masks.
More people should be wearing masks



Require masks to be worn in stores
Enforce masking in grocery stores.
Make wearing a mask mandatory.
Make masks in public mandatory
Require masks when in public
Enforcement of mask wearing
Mandatory masks in public
Enforce the mask mandate.
Enforce masks in public.
Require masks in stores
Mandatory masks

Reopening - 70 comments:

In order to have an economy for our children and grand children, restrictions need to be relaxed. I would recommend defying the governor's order of shelter in place. I will risk my well being so the next generation has a sustained economy. If people dont want to go out, they do not have to. Was it essential to pay a park employee to go to Hess park to take down the basketball trims and put caution tape around the playground equipment? Please explain how a church is not essential but a bicycle shop is? If you have anything to do with dps61, share this as well...their ability to provide education now and before the pandemic was poor. Their new system is pure chaos.
Let businesses open up to the public. There should be precautions taken to do so, but I think that people who do not want to be out will stay home. Business owners that do not want to open right now also have that right not to open. People need to be able to make that choice for themselves.
More people in central IL have been affected by the flu this year than the virus. Time to open things back up and get back to normal. The fear mongering is absurd!! Analogy... the community is like a pressure cooker. The lid is about to blow off if we don't get things moving again.
Opening surrounding counties with few cases and implement new rules so businesses can open back up the people who have been listening will listen to rules to keep ourselves safe and our economy going again. We aren't children we can listen to rules and keep ourselves safe.
Get people back to work. Test for antibodies, if necessary. I have small business, currently still able to be open, however if people have no income, less income for my business. I'm working hard to stay open, keep my employees paid, and provide services for the public.



Reopen with strong ppe restrictions that are enforced and if violated each violator should be reprimanded. I work in ha hospital setting and have not contracted anything so far and have been exposed appropriate ppe and hand washing is all that is needed. Thank you.
I think it's time to consider what businesses could possibly reopen, and how it could be done safely. Our infection rate downstate is considerably different from the Chicago metro area and that should be taken into consideration in the timing of opening businesses.
I believe they need to start thinking of how they will begin reopening places, regardless of when they open but what and when each business will be allowed. I think it should be somewhat of a ladder affect so that everyone isn't all out immediately.
I believe it is time to begin opening up the city so people can begin to work again. I know the governor doesn't believe that is the best thing to do now, but people have to work. I think most people are smart enough to take necessary precautions.
Please ease these restrictions some. I feel like a prisoner in my own home. Try explaining to great grandkids under 6 why grandma can't kiss them or let them in her home. I'm sick of all this
Almost all cases have been at nursing homes. Rarely are new cases from general public. Open up this city. Stop bowing to Pritzker and Chicago. Oh forgot mayor has aspirations beyond Decatur
Open the city!! The "hot spot" is Fairhavens, and up till two days ago, the governor hadn't sent any testing supplies. Quarantine Fairhavens, not the whole city and state.
Tell the Governor that you are not Chicago. Also tell him that under the criteria that the President and his advisers laid out you are ready to reopen your city.
Open most everything up, except bars, masks and gloves mandatory when off your residential property. Restaurants can open, skip every other table.
Get people back to work open small business back up and this can be done while protecting our elder and those with health issues
Relaxing standards is the step I think should be taken. Quarantines are meant for the vulnerable populace, not for everyone.
Back down on restrictions completely until a hospital is actually threatened by capacity. Overzealousness kills.
Do to the concentration of the virus I think there certain business that should be reopened.
Some business should be allowed to open, with masks, gloves, and social distancing in place
Let's open up and go to living. We need to go to work. Stop being afraid of our neighbors.
Stop all shit downs, get government out of our lives and get back to normal, now!!!
Open up Now! Open the courts Now! There will be no businesses left if you dont!!
Open up non-essential businesses with proper precautions and protocols in place.
Looking ahead (6 months+) and planning for what happens then, virus or no virus.
+Only lock down those who are suceptible and let others get on with their lives.



Start opening. Nobody is testing much to get a true assessment of the virus.
Need to start opening things up !!! People need to go back to work.
Soft opening of local businesses with appropriate guidelines
not making people stay home,how many shootings have we had
I believe business should begin to open but with limits.
Get back to normal we can't keep some people from dying
Let businesses open. Wear a mask and wash your hands
Open restaurants& small business with restrictions
Open businesses but with limited access/ seating.
We need to open back up but at a slow safe rate
Open the economy this virus is going no where
Allow businesses to open w proper precautions
Start opening businesses and open the parks!
Get people back to work. We are not Chicago!
Take steps to open businesses back up!!!!!!
Trying to get business to open with a plan
Small businesses should he allowed to open
Open up businesses. Obtain antibody tests
Start opening up the economy now slowly.
Open more businesses. I need a haircut
Businesses need to be allowed to open.
Open business up as soon as possible
We need to open up the businesses
Slowly unlock the restrictions.
Consider loosening restrictions
Open up. We are not New York.
Start opening all businesses
Start opening up businesses
Getting people back to work
Allow businesses to reopen
Opening up more business



Open everything back up
Too many restrictions.
Opening places back up
We need dental open
Time to open up!!!!
Open up everything
Get business open!
Get back to normal
End the quarantine
Open back up
Open up now
Barbershops
open up
Reopen

Request for enforcement - 61 comments:

there should be more enforcement with people just going out and about. The amount if traffic is ridiculous ow compared to the first few days after the stay at home. People have to continue to take this seriously. Yes many cases are in Chicago but that is because they are stacked in top of each other just like NY. People need to understand that downstate just because we are spread out more they have to understand that makes them more at risk. Please help get this.piint across.

Well first of all the rules should be. rule one everyone . Has to wear a face mask. Not well you can but we done know if it will help or not. Stay 6 feet away but we don't know if that will help all of the information is confusing stay home but don't stay home. It either one or the other. I am high risk so I have stayed at home. Yet my husband is goi g to work and my son so

The shelter in place order should remain in place until THE SCIENTISTS say it's ok to resume reopening. I am particularly co corned about dental offices opening too early due to our high risk of exposure. I am also trying to care for my terminally ill parent. I appreciate all precautions being taken and hope the local gov't will continue to act based on scientific data.

Things needs to be strict around here because in Decatur, Il people aren't taking things seriously. I have a husband who is a diabetic and also has had heart problems and a stroke in the past and im also an asthmatic so with everyone still not practicing social distancing is really absurd. And I think the extension should be until the end of june.



I feel like people in Macon County are not taking this seriously! People still go out all the time I've seen more traffic on my route than ever! Making more restrictions and having consequences would show people this is serious. People are making this a joke. My job is essential and people still come to greet me daily as I deliver their mail.

My opinion that people aren't taking this seriously is built largely from comment sections on Covid news stories. I don't think that people will take this seriously until they or a loved one is directly impacted by the virus. I will say my husband and I are both essential workers so, we have had no loss of income at this time.

I feel as though a significant group of people are not taking this pandemic serious and putting others lives in danger. In my opinion I feel that law enforcement should enforce the order by finding persons who are seen gathering with more than ten people as well as those out for non essential purposes.

Be more strict. Enforce the stay at home order. Some "essential " businesses are not at all essential and should be closed. The sooner people actually follow the orders, the sooner we will be able to really make a significant difference in the covid outbreak numbers and be able to fully open back up.

I feel they need to be more strict with businesses. They should make all employees that have to work wear mask, gloves and social distancing. This also includes ADM. Husband works there and they are NOT practicing safe measures. My children work at stores. They are not enforcing anything either.

Start fining the jerks that insist on gatherings of more than 10 kids and adults at their houses. Start investigating any some homes have constant traffic coming in and out their door. I mean, are drugs being dealt since these people seem to be carrying a wallet in hand?

Let's be honest, the amount of traffic I see on a daily basis when I go to work is not people running essential errands. I encounter people at work daily who are not wearing masks, social distancing, or bothering to cover their mouths when they cough.

There are too many people out now not doing essential tasks. I work in an essential retail place and we have to turn away about 10 people a day who just want out of the house. Police may have to become more involved with asking people why they're out

I think people should be encouraged to stay home. At first, I could tell traffic outside my home diminished, but now it is the same as always. Also, more mental health support should be available. Elderly shut ins are really lonely and afraid.

This is not on our state, more of just the people in general. I think there should be fines of people decide to protest and not follow rules to keep everyone say. I also believe more test need to be done due to asymptotic people.

To many people think the stay home order is a joke, they need to be forced to take it more serious, that would help a lot, start giving fines to these people, I'm close to losing everything, I just want my life back.



More involvement by the police to ensure the community is following the state's stay at home orders. Teens are out in school parking lots 50 at a time socializing, hugging, etc. Not social distancing at all.
Enforcing only essential businesses stay open. Enforcement of the 6 foot rule in businesses that are open. Making a mask rule at large stores such as Walmart for customers.
Makeing people follow the rules and guide lines as well as masks.. it should not be an option to kot wear masks people's lifes are at stake and every life matters.
Enforce business that allow customers in (retail, grocery ect) to not allow entire familes in the store. ONLY one member and they should be required to wear mask.
I believe there should be a task force out to enforce the rules. Many are not taking the measures serious. Tickets need to be given for those not in compliance.
Listen to the scientists and medical professionals. Do not open too early!! Especially non essential services and high risk non essential healthcare
Cracking down on those ignoring the stay at home order.The tobacco shack has had many over 20 people in the store or hanging outside several times
To many people out Not enough following stay at home. Gatherings of people having parties. This will get worse before it gets better.
There are still a lot of people in our neighborhood that are not following the guidelines, but I don't know how you police that.
Checking grocery stores to make sure they are following all rules. Help more of the small personally owned businesses
Social distancing isnt being enforced and people are out and interacting daily without and constraints from the city
Start taking actions on the businesses that are open that shouldn't be and there are MANY of them in Decatur!
Enforcement of the stay in home policy, enforcement of social distancing rules especially in public places
Warning or ticketing people that are breaking the stay at home order or caught meeting in large groups.
Need to be addressing all of the people out and running multiple errands in and out of stores etc
I think the police/sheriffs should be enforcing group gatherings more. Especially with teenagers.
Actually its not something different, but a way to get compliance with what is already in place
Be out in the streets to witness the individuals that are completely ignoring all restrictions
If non essential businesses are supposed to be closed there needs to be more action on that.
Enforce orders. Other cities by Chicago have enforcedcommunity members to wear masks



More police enforcement to keep people off the streets. Not being in force at all
Possibly enforcing shelter in place for those who aren't obeying the order
I think people throwing parties with more than 10 people should be cited
The social distribution. Needs to enforced. More testing made available
I believe that there are people out and about that don't need to be.
Too much traffic and too many people disobeying stay at home orders
More enforcement of stay at home order. Help acquiring face masks.
By not opening back up businesses unless there shore were safe
Make sure we are following the standards when out in public.
People that refuse to obey the stay home should pay penalty
There should be fines in place for breaking the guidelines
By mandating actual social distancing and forcing people
Too many people not taking the virus threat seriously.
Ticket people for being out for no good reasons
Enforcement of gatherings of 10 or more people
Enforcement of what they're established
Enforcing groups of people to separate
If you make a law than enforce it.
More enforcement for stay at home
Keep people home more no parties
Enforcing stay at home order
Enforce people to stay home.
Enforce strict regulations
Enforce ban on groups!
More psa for our area
Enforce restrictions

Testing - 52 comments:



Test more black people . Doctors are not testing black people and just sending them home from the hospitals. The hospitals are not. Following up on these people. More contact tracing. Are there people following up with the family members and friends of those that have died did they get testing. The people self isolated with coVid 19 at home is there contact tracing with this patients or are they allowed to go to Walmart and spread more coVid 19 is anyone monitoring where these patients are going in the public and their friends and family.it is impossible to avoid crowds of more than ten in the stores and in adm,caterpillar Mueller and Staley's. There is no such thing as social distance is the city just waiting for it to spread in the factories out into the communities. There needs to be a another hospital one that will test all people including black people and not send them home and quarantine them at the hospital instead of sending them home to spread it to their families and co-workers .

Please provide an avenue for self isolated illness for reentry... those of us who were told to stay home only come in if you can't breathe or heart issues. We have absolutely no way to determine if we are well or had it or what... although whatever I had was unlike anything I've had before. I feel as if those of us who ride it out don't matter. That low numbers for Decatur are a must. I understand the sensitivity of our town in the Big National picture but many many of us suffered alone and will take quite sometime to convalesce to our before illness state if ever. day 40 quarantine fever free but still haven't got my stamina and odd pains here and there

I don't feel the data accurately reflects what's really happening in our community. For example many of my co workers are home for 14 days due to Covid like symptoms. Testing is not readily available unless you are seriously ill. A friend of mine died last night of Covid 19. She was a resident of Hi kory Point Christian Village. She injured her back and was moved to Fairhaven for therapy. When the 1st case at Fairhavens was detected. Her family took her home with them to Indiana. She died there. But was most definitely a Macon County fatality. People are ho

We have tested how many people in this county? 300? Appalling. The city/county needs to step up and give a huge push for widespread testing. We should be testing as many residents as possible with or without symptoms. Make it happen. The only way to know our true situation. This is especially useful if the governor decides to relax restrictions by region. I am a frontline healthcare worker and i think it is just ridiculous.

After the Fair Havens Nursing home crisis is contained be prepared for the at large community virus cases to increase and setting up a drive through testing site for the county is imperative to containing and tracing community cases using the National Guard just like the model in Mclean County will help you get to peak faster. You got to test. Data is critical, inform the public how to proceed when infected.

MORE TESTING and focus on 10 or less in resteraunts, social distancing. My one day out each week for supplies and I always see 9-15 cars and people at Port Royal and more than 10 inside the new burrito place on ash and 51. If it is happening on my simple trip to Wal-Mart I gurantee it is happening at other bars and resteraunts throughout the City of Decatur. Less talk MORE ACTION NEEDED!



More testing, testing all deceased that are suspected covid deaths. I feel that under-reporting our numbers gives residents a false sense of security! (I realize test kits are not always readily available - keep fighting for them!) Please keep promoting public masks and quarantine!
Start testing for Covid antibodies. See who can get back to work. Be vocal with the Govenor. He has forgotten he's over the entire state, not just Chicago and its collar counties. What may be good for Chicago, is often not what's beneficial tut o the rest of our state.
I know you cant do anything about it now but we need better or more testing. Also is there anything that can be done to enforce social distancing in grocery stores. Its a nightmare and some people are just ignoring the social distancing rules.
Mass testing. Factory and other workers in danger. Need a Coronavirus medical facility. Public needs to have access to masks. Not everybody has a sewing machine. Test black people. Don't turn black people away from testing. Where is Buffet?
Providing tests and testing sites for those whom believe they need to be tested, not just those who are symptomatic or deemed to "fit the criteria", provide sites for people to self quarantine if they feel they can not at home
I think all long term health facilities employees and residents should be tested. Also all of the people in the areas of ADM where there are infected employees. Please stop the spread by testing more people!
It would be great if the city could access enough tests for everyone...not likely but would be nice, especially the antibodies test. That might let some folks be able to help through plasma donations.
If your not going to test, then don't release daily infection information as citizens take that as a false sense of security. The Macon hd and the city have blood on their hands
The perception is that testing needs increased. If there is a way to be transparent about availability of tests and antibody testing it would help people understand.
More testing and information regarding how many tests are available which hospitals are taking covid patients. How many ventilators are available
Testing for both the virus itself and antibody screening is a total joke in this town unless you're living or working at Fair Haven!
We need to be able to test for immunity. Keep people not immune or immunocompromised home and open up businesses for everyone else.
I believe everyone should have a test done even if they go door-to-door and those who can't get out like myself to have one done
More testing so we know the true numbers. As a state we should be testing more. We'll never flatten the curve the current way.
More testing , antibody testing, more help for service businesses like cosmetologists , tattoo artists, barbers, etc



I feel that there should have been quicker testing down so that maybe fair havenwould not lost so many residents
Making sure in an event of a shooting or other emergency there are no large groups also more testing available
Test more people, I feel we didn't to enough testing in the beginning so it wouldn't look as bad.
There needs to be MORE Testing....for EVERYONE...not just those who have noticable symptoms
Make tests available to see who has already had it so we can get about our business.
Faster testing within LTC Facilities once a case of COVID-19 has been identified.
GET MORE TESTS SO WE KNOW WHO HAS BEEN EXPOSED AND WHO IS STILL AT RISK!!!!
More testing availability and strict enforcement of stay home order
We need to fight for more testing so we can open the city up again
More testing available for everyone. Mandatory masks in stores.
More testing and preparation for opening small businesses again
More testing available even for those are not showing signs.
Spot checks in neighborhoods for symptoms related to Covid.
Absolutely Test Everybody and make tests and masks free
Increased testing, including for antibodies.
More testing especially essential workers
Possibly more testing in Macon County
Decatur needs more test available
Testing everyone in city/county
More testing in the inner city
More testing for all
Free testing for all
Door to door testing
Widespread testing
More testing!!!!
Increase testing
Most testing
More testing
More testing
More testing



More tests

Stricter measures - 48 comments:

I think they're should be a city wide curfew unless you are going to or from work. That way we can crack down on things like house parties and such that further the spread of this virus. As much as I hate being stuck at home I'd hate it even more if my very vulnerable husband caught this disease it could kill him

Shut down all major congested jobs until virus passes over. Businesses over 50 plus people should be forced to close its doors and be considered non essential in order to keep their own family's safe. The city isn't taking this virus serious enough.

I believe making all enclosed places/buildings should be curbside or drive through. PPE for our healthcare, grocery, and first responders. Keep a zero tolerance for protesters, if at all possible, due to the 10 person or less allowance.

Stricter rules in general. Store employees are not wearing masks. Took forever to implement any regulations at grocery stores ppl still congregating in parks and recreation areas. No consequence for not following guidelines

I think there should have been or should be a 2 week lockdown where you can only leave your home for emergencies. All business close unless medical. People forced to stay inside for 2 weeks to stop the spread

I think the city should completely shut down and I also think the police should be enforcing the stay at home order. It would be hard at first, but it would get everyone back to living normal life much sooner

The stay at home order is to lenient. No one is following the rules. There are kids gathering, people having parties, gatherings of more than 10. People are acting like everything is is back to normal.

Take the threats seriously and don't open everything up too soon! This is not going to go away in a month or so. It's going to be just like the Spanish flu and it's going to get worse in the fall.

Complete lock down except to work and home. 1 day a week shop for food and other needy things and the ones that don't want to follow fine them each time and maybe this will end sooner then later

Based on other countries, we need to take social distancing more seriously. However, this will not be happening at least in Decatur unless lockdown is mandatory like Spain is doing at this time.

I strongly believe that our city should go on a complete 14 day lockdown, and enforced. I work in the public and I am so petrified to the point i have 3-5 anxiety attacks a day.

Stricter stay at home orders. Closing stores after 8pm. Allowing only certain number of people in stores. Only allowing people wearing masks into stores. City curfew.

Stricter stay at home order should be enforced. We haven't seen the leak yet in Decatur. People are still hanging out at parks, friends houses etc. It's scary.



Need a tighter lock down until supply lines of PPE, Test Kits, are available so tracking and isolation can be implemented.
I think most stores should block off areas that are not essential. Or at least have those areas open for limited hours.
Stay home and listen to the medical professionals or this is just going to continue for a longer period of time
I think everything should be shut down expect health care... I'm a nurse and my fear is bringing to my family
Don't be quick to open everything back up. Listen to healthcare professionals and scientists
More non essential business closed like bicycle shop, target (its not a grocery store) etc
We need to stay at home until 14 days after we start to see a decrease in cases and death
Continue to address the seriousness of the virus that it is real and it is here
I think that they should not open the city or the state feel it is too soon.
Shut everything down and make people stay at home before it gets worse
Should be more of a lockdown. No one is following the stay at home.
Everything should be shut down until the virus is contained.
Too many people are still working, not sheltering in place.
Keep everything shut down, so we don't have another peak
I think we need a better plan for the stay in shelter.
Closing down for 2 weeks to see if the numbers go down
Not govt itself. Just more people need to stay home
I don't think things should be relaxed at all
Either shut everything down or open it all up
I don't know but nothing seems like enough
Shut everything down and test everyone
Pursue stricter stay-at-home rules.
Stricter rules on group gatherings
Shut down everything for two weeks
Quit acting like its not a problem
Should be a curfew for everyone
Extend the stay-at-home order
Extend the quarantine period
Shut everything down.



Implement a curfew
Close more things-
Shut Decatur down
Lock it all down.
Complete lockdown
More precautions

Social distancing - 45 comments:

Nobodys listening. Nobody really seems to care, or think this virus can get to them. I see people in groups all the time. No mask, drinking off the same liquor bottle, and simply just not caring. Until everyone takes this virus serious, or they put actual action into play this virus is never going to stop spreading. Until something is done to help the people that are truly struggling, things are going to get worse. We need our leaders to step up and put their foot down, do what needs to be done before everyone in our state dies, or ends up sick.

I hope businesses will adhere to the requirement for customers to wear masks, beginning May 1. I have heard (but haven't seen first-hand) that parks are allowing informal gatherings to take place in public parks...large groups, not 6 feet apart, etc.. That should not be allowed! I hope that salons (hair, mani/pedicures, etc.) are not allowed to open. Social distancing is impossible in those instances. I understand all this hurts businesses, but in order to SAVE LIVES is of utmost importance, right?!?

The vast majority are not wearing masks or social distancing inside public places. It doesn't even seem like a pandemic is occurring when the general public looks like it's business as usual so too speak. No decrease in traffic, in stores, in day food lines, on the streets. People are idiots in this area and I'm sick of it. They have no concern whatsoever for themselves or others.

Last Saturday there was a group of people in Nelson Park protesting restrictions. They parked in the Devon parking lot, they did not practice social distancing. Perhaps the park district should post this is not allowed. People, of course, already know it isn't. A group of people do not have the right to jeopardize other people, who do follow the rules, in parks.

I'm fine with all except being able to go to an open space with my immediate family. I realize groups are ruining this for everyone. Wish there were consequences for these groups so the ones that are obeying can enjoy the open spaces as a family. Also golf courses provide a much safer activity then many of the things going on like packed home improvement stores.

Making sure people are staying at least 6ft apart. At a curbside walk up there were 25 people huddled around the counter. It was NOT safe. A member of the sheriffs office was in the mix, no one was wearing a mask including him. I was mortified and I will no longer be supporting that establishment during this time.



I don't think children and whole families should be allowed in the stores, 1 person per family. And I do not think that the stores should be blocking off no essential items. There are still kids birthdays to buy for or household items that are needed or need to be replaced.
A shooting happened at Dennis and Wood street. An outdoor gathering happens almost every night at the same location. It's never checked on or broken up by law enforcement. Why? There are too many individuals who are too close together who probably congregate in other groups.
Insist on social distancing and wearing masks at all shopping areas. I don't go out but have seen the pictures. The number of people at Menards is ridiculous. I get to work from home for ADM so I'm fortunate but if everyone doesn't take this seriously we will never recover.
I see crowds of children roaming the neighborhoods. Stricter measures need to be taken to keep them off the streets. Also, although traffic has lessened, there are still too many cars on the road. Many cars are running stop signs and red lights in my neighborhood.
I see groups of people everywhere. The biggest culprit being Mt Zion. Saw kids parked and hanging out in the Mt Zion HS parking lot, middle aged adults grouped up at a coffee place in Mt Zion by Ace Hardware, and groups of people running together in Mt Zion.
People are NOT social distancing! Example....last weekend, Menards and Lowes were packed with people, of which over half were not wearing masks or gloves. This virus isn't finished in Macon County...not by a long shot. Do your part!!!!
I see groups of people just hanging out and nothing is done about it also I know about a person that had personal property damage done and the police just let the person go and the damage was very significant
Discouraging large crowds at parks and on trails. Close non-essential businesses that are deemed "essential" through loop holes. Most essential business could be done through contactless pickup/delivery.
When shopping for essentials, I see many instances of multiple members of a family group out shopping together (ie multiple adults and children). Only one person should go out not the entire family
Traffic is still as high as normal even with a stay at home order. Families who don't live together are still getting together. Masks in public are not being worn by the majority of citizens.
Deploy hand washing stations at city parks, drive through testing away from medical centers so that uninfected people are not put at risks, handwashing or sanitizing stations at each bus stop
More control of crowds, gatherings, offer of help to stores about mask and distancing, outreach to inner city and shut ins, a lot of seniors do not have or understand internet access
I am still seeing several people gathering. I see it all the time on social media, parties etc. I think the city/state should be harsher on people who violate these guidelines.
Trying to keep large groups from their normal celebrations/anniversary gatherings. Getting people to understand they could be putting lives at risk!!



people out and about and kids congregating more than 20 parking lots. They need ton stay home and let the essential workers move on through.
Other than some places being closed, I don't see a bit of difference with how busy Decatur and surrounding smaller towns have been.
I don't know what it would take to get teenagers to actually stay 6 feet away from me, but they really don't seem to be getting it
The community doesn't seem to be taking it very seriously. People still coming together - ignoring distancing recommendations.
Discourage teens from congregating in groups. So people are taking things seriously and others are not at all..
There are way too many people still out. I often see my neighbors outside congregating in the street together.
People are staying home I am a essential employee and I see way to may people just out shopping
Addressing activities exceeding crowd numbers and not practicing distancing- house parties!
Prevent people from using outdoor exercise as a way to meet up and hang out with friends.
Worried about going back to work to soon. Can't keep six feet from each other there
No one in your house unless they live there and no 10 or less Groups makes no sense
More monitoring of the 6ft rule for the essential workers who are making deliveries
People overusing parks and rock springs. Tons of people and 0 social distancing
Residents are not taking it seriously and are still gathering and socializing
People need to stay home unless necessary to many are out just to be out
Stop groups from gathering, maybe issuing public nuisance tickets
Inforcing the gathering of more than 10 people congregating
Enforcement of no social gathering or "house parties".
Several homes have more than 10 people around
Better enforcing distancing and wearing masks
There are to many persons in public areas
People are still getting together
Too many people still going out.
Not enforcing social distancing.
Stop people from gathering



Help businesses - 36:

Not sure local gov't can assist the small business I am in, but being a small business owner, my income relies on the ability of my clients to travel. Since they are not traveling, my income is nearly non existant. That being said, i gave been denied unemployment, have not heard back from SBA geants or loans i have applied for and have not received a stimulus check. How am i suppose to pay my Bill's, how am i suppose to catch up on what Bill's i have postponed on paying ? If our local gov't isn't stepping in to help us- how am i suppose to support those in local gov't.

Seems that proper concern is not being taken at assisted living facilities (blame placed on other agencies). Any oversight of large companies by the City? Volume of testing seems very very low. Concern that we "open" the City due to a small subsection of the greater economy so that people can eat out and get haircuts. Since funding has been provided for these folks, City resources may be better used to support/facilitate getting the money into the accounts of the business owners and unemployed folks.

Please look into helping organizations (such as the Masonic Temple) that do not have employees, but run off of volunteers and are losing rental income to pay their bills. Or businesses that are LLC's and do not have regular employees and do not qualify for a small business loan. These organization are at a thraet to close and shutter their doors forever if not able to get rentals, some will be behind on their bills at this point with nowhere to go for help.

Open businesses that sell the same things that Walmart does: clothes, jewelry, books, movie rental. Open hair salons, dentists. Open restaurants. Stop the fear-mongering of what might happen. Let businesses figure out how to protect customers and workers by using their own ideas. Stop judging and deciding for others what is essential to them. Macon County has very few cases that are not in a nursing home.

There needs to be some help on a local level for small businesses especially Hair, Massage, Independent cleaning people and other personal care services. We would need very small amounts of money to stay open and are having the hardest time finding aid. Decatur's small business community has seem major growth in the last 5 years and this will potentially be devastating for a lot of us.

I think that small businesses should be able to remain open with restrictions in place ... perhaps required mask wearing, limited number of people. Hair salons should be able to be open with restrictions. We must help the economy in any way we can. The restrictions are too much for Macon County with the number of cases we have. If we ramp up, then we tighten up.

I know that the city itself doesn't have much resources but our local businesses need monetary help if they are to survive after this. There are so many wonderful places in Decatur to shop and eat. My family is trying to do it's part to support the places we usually shop at but they need extra help as well.

The city needs to do a better job at helping with financial assistance for small businesses. We are the backbone of this community and we have no resources to help. We are relying on federal and state grants and there is either no money available or we are not qualified. There is no in between.



Decatur has only hit the elderly in nursing homes. I beleive restrictions on businesses should be relaxed a bit, following the social distancing requirements. Example, hair salons, with the possibility of the hair dresser wearing a mask. And similar businesses where close contact is required.
I think we need to allow businesses to start opening up contingent that they take social distancing or measures to prevent community spread. The virus isn't going away, but the economic damage and damage to people's lives can be reduced.
Plan to assist small businesses have hope. Ppe for poor people. Allow OKO and northeast to distribute masks bought for seniors and families in need. Good job on videos but seniors and others might not have internet or social media.
The deffered payments are great for now but eventually they have to be paid & caught up. For some people that will be near impossible. Also, a lot of small businesses will not survive this.
Allow all businesses to resume normal operations. People know the risk and can decide to go out or not. How many businesses do you want to see fail?
Open up businesses but restrict numbers inside with a mask. Taxes due on liquor and gaming need to be delayed for six months. Zero revenue to pay.
Let business owners make the decision about whether to open or not. It is still possible to practice social distancing, wear masks & stay safe.
Help small businesses let us take a dog to drop off at a groomer it is necessary for it pets toenails he won't let me do it he is a rescue
Finding ways to allow small businesses to open and still follow social distancing guidelines and sanitation protocols
Please help the Downtown Decatur businesses. Creat incentives to get people to come to the Downtown to shop.
Allowing small nonessential shops to curbside and deliver like restaurants are allowed to do
Loosen up on restrictions for business & restaurants.STOP PRICE GOUGING!!!!Stocked
Let us open our businesses and use the guidelines to prevent spreading the virus
Reopen all businesses able to offer curbside service, appointment only options
Need to open more businesses. Just ensure proper safety measures in place.
Support local businesses, they are the lifeblood of our community.
Small business support, assistance for middle income families.
There should be more the city can do to help small businesses
Better support for small businesses and those out of work
Allowing small businesses to open with limited capacities
Fairer for small business on curb side pick ups.
Communication and helping small businesses



Assistance to local small business owners
Get businesses open as soon as possible!
Working to help the small businesses
Need to help small businesses better
Care more about the small businesses
keep businesses open

Use of open spaces - 30 comments:

I am very concerned about the lack of apparent money for essential county workers. First responders should not have to go out daily into the unknown and have the stress of not knowing if they are going to have a job. They need to be focused for their safety and those they protect. Parks should be open for walking . Some small business' could be opened and limited amount of people allowed in. Outdoor activities that don't have large attendances could be happening.
Open up outdoor activities, parks, playgrounds, golf courses. There is psychology involved in this. People aren't scared anymore. If you don't start loosening restrictions even a little, people will start doing what they want. Also you are killing small businesses and Decatur can't afford this.
I think all the walking trails at all parks should be open because there is extremely low risk walking outside and there is literally no where to exercise. I also don't understand why the library cannot be kept open to at least fill pick up orders for both entertainment and educational reasons.
I feel golf courses should remain open with preventative measures for social distancing taken. Also fishing and lake usage with social guidelines expected and enforced. Also hair salons/barbers with restrictive protocol (masks, limited & spaced appointments, etc.
Golf courses could be open using special guidelines garden centers open being a small business completely shut down I would like to be given the same expectation to curb side pick as you have allowed down town business with no real drive up window
Keep the parks & lakes open. We can't stop life as we know it because 46,000 people out of 320,000,000,000 people have weak immune systems/ were already on the verge of dying from health conditions and old age
I think that some outdoor activities, such as golfing, fishing, hunting, hiking and camping could be allowed if you are doing these things with the people in your household and by practicing social distancing.
Look to open outdoor spaces as soon as the stay at home order is lifted to address mental health needs of others. Focus more on supporting mental health of ALL individuals, not just those experiencing crisis.



Please open the parks so that people can have a picnic on a blanket or go for a walk. Keep the playgrounds and picnic tables closed. Just let us enjoy the nature of the parks while social distancing.
I see no reason that golf courses can't be opened as long as social distancing is practiced. Don't shut down non-essential business. Everyone is essential. Just ban unsafe practices.
Please reopen walking trails in state parks & fishing areas. Same with garden centers. Limit #of people if necessary, but reopen.
Parks and lakes should be open with social distancing and masks if required. People are very depressed and need to get out.
Open parks, and golf courses. Small businesses may have to close doors permanently. We need a solutions
Open distancing items such as parks, campground, golf course. These items all seem reasonable to me.
I think they should open the state parks We all need someplace to walk and enjoy the spring weather
Open parks, campgrounds, and soft openings for services like haircuts or to buy clothing.
Open up areas where people don't congregate ex: golf, parks playgrounds, restaurants.
Hiking trails should be open. Dr offices and procedures I. Hospitals should be opened
Parks and walking trails should not be closed. (Playground equipment, yes)
Open golf courses. Have resources for masks for private individuals.
All outdoor parks should be open with social distancing
Allow golf courses to open with restrictions
Consider opening the parks and golf courses
Open golf courses & parks for walking
Let people use the parks and lakes.
Clean and disinfect public areas.
Need to open some up and camping
Ease up park closures
Open golf courses
Open dog park



Request for information - 21 comments:

Help citizens understand the distancing rules in stores and in outdoor public places like walking trails. Give realistic info about how long we need to stay home. I don't think we are going back to work in May but many people do. I think the cases in Macon county are being downplayed because they are mostly in senior living centers.2-
There is too much room for interpretation in the stay at home order. I see the same people in my pharmacy that I work at several days a week for no good reason. Large parties and gatherings. Police will not even respond to a call about large gatherings.
Too many places deemed 'essential'. People with the virus are told to 'quarantine' just like regular population and don't understand they need to be isolated and not go out. People think drive through baby showers with guest book signing is still okay.
I can't even hear the updates you are giving on the news. Organize more food banks so those out of work have food. More people need tested. The other questions you asked are basically irrelevant.
The information is coming out too slow. People are not taking the Shelter in place seriously. There is too many people out driving around, too many people without masks at the grocery store.
More information campaigns to combat misinformation about the virus. Lots of people walking around thinking it's not a big deal, and don't understand why we need to stay home.
More info, less politics, more help to those who need it, more thought into what deems jobs essential or nonessential, more penalties to those who are not following rules.
I would like more info to those that have contracted or passed. Did they have underlying issues, did they have DNR's. What are steps being taken to get more testing
I would like an information source for which restaurants and small businesses are open and best way to utilize the services they currently have available.
Report the actual facts. Every article that has been submitted to Facebook is click bait. It's frustrating to see a local news station do this.
No one is explaining who to call or what steps to take if you or a loved one gets sick from the virus or other reason.
I work in health care. I wish people would understand more of the importance of the issues we have
More communication so residents understand the importance and that this is in our community
Our city allows our news to keep everyone stirred. They are messy and incorrect.
I would like to see more outreach and communication from local health providers.
Somehow informing people that it's not a joke and it is in our community
City officials are not doing their part to keep residents safe.
inform, make suggestions, allow individual decision making



The mayor need to stand up and tell people to stay home

Slow on public communication.

Report facts not opinion.

Nursing homes - 20 comments:

Testing and management and communication for all senior facilities- available even to independent senior housing. Wsoy to stop criticizing populations in states that are protesting tyrannical type rulings - cant buy seed or paint or flags, etc. Options of brian byers effects the community. He is a influential leader and must present all information. Some protests have been could have been improved but loss of freedom matters and some leaders have increased that fear and over grabbed power. Wsoy approach should tone down and be careful to support our freedoms as well. Many other things they are doing is great. Help Set up Skype or window visits for nursing room residents and family. Families must be allowed to communicate about residents medical care with facility. Brainstorm for solutions please. Thankyou

There are still large groups of people gathering and having cookouts and house parties this has to stop or it will never get under control. There needs to be a crisis center set up for employees of Fairhaven Nursing home so they are not taking the virus with them when they leave the government has to get involved there are innocent people who pay a very large Amy of money for care that are stuck in FAIRHAVEN as the virus spreads! It is not at a point of it will effect all residents it is now when it effects all residents

I cam upset it takes 9 deaths at fair haven before now everyone is goin to be tested should of been done asap and the essential buying whos to say whats essential and the longer on stay at home order the more damage being done like peoples state of.mind more businesses permanently closingand.more people losing jobs permanently so survival will become priority and therefore crime will rise and im very disturbed about hearing that prisoners are being released early especially violent crime offenders

There needs to be more done to help slow the spread of the virus within some areas of our community such as Fair Havens. The health department should have stepped in when it was first discovered and find a way to help protect those at risk residents there. More should have been done initially for them but otherwise the rest of the city is doing well in stopping the spread of the virus.

Very disappointed in the health department. If you can close down a restrurant for bugs, you should be able to close a nursing home down. Not quite sure what they do for all of Macon county... They used to have the CERT program that actually was designed to be a useful program in crises.

Not waiting until people get sick or die to take actions. As soon as the things started going bad at fairhaven nursing home more test should have been performed. Just glad that now of my family resides there or works there.



I would like to see more help for our Senior Citizens, mainly the Nursing Homes and to NOT keep family of these people in the dark. In high Hope's that our Governor keeps illinois on stay at home.
Push for more oversight in the nursing homes. I think that we need to start reopening businesses, but in a measured scale to ramp up as time goes on. Keep the personal space requirements.
Dr in charge Homeland sec stated today sun or uv Ray light controls viris so why are most people in nursing homes invected while people outside not but you want everyone stay at home
The residents at fair havens should be more closely monitored and tested. An the facility should NOT BE ALLOWED TO BE TRYING TO HIRE NEW EMPLOYEES
If it was not for Fairhaven's Nursing Home, our Community Covid count would not be growing. We need our Community opened up
The Health Department and the State of Illinois need to investigate and MANDATE inspections and train ALL nursing homes.
What has happened in the nursing homes is appalling. I don't know that this is the city's fault, but it is disturbing.
Get every nursing home resident tested for this virus! We need much more county wide testing!
The nursing home situation is dire. This should have been addressed much earlier.
There doesn't appear to be enough oversight on the nursing home community.
Nursing home issues and not enough precautions
Patient in nursing home should wear mask.
More support to nursing homes
Hold Fairhavens accountable

City services and fees - 18 comments:

City needs to quit lining their pockets. Provide money for all small business's closed in Decatur right now. NOT make people pay out the ass on their taxes for any help they get. NOONE should get anything if not giving to everyone! And, by all means, remove the City Manager and Mayor! Giving all City Employees masks they BOUGHT from CHINA with our tax money. Idiots at the finest!
Work with Macon County Assessors office to reevaluate the huge amount of property tax increase here at Oak Ridge Drive. We are not all rich here, most of us on Social Security, myself being unemployed before COVID-19. Can the county defer payment of property taxes due in June and September until early next year?
Julie and the city board have failed this city and raped it for their benifit on multiple occasions and this will just be another cog in the wheel of their pillaging of this town.



The library should be accessible. Walmart non essential products ridiculous (toilet handle broke had to expose self to another establishment) plants (really?)
Some business open that should not be and social distancing not enforced by city. Mayor is not well informed when she speaks to us.
Ease up on city gas tax still the highest gas prices in central IL even those had prices are down every little bit helps
Cut property taxes would help, give out health packs with hand sanitizer, masks, gloves ect. Cut utility bills.
Get rid of Food & Beverage tax; lower fuel tax; lower property taxes; be more business friendly
Extend the tax payment deadline for those whose income has been negatively affected.
I would like to see the library do curbside service for books currently available
Garbage shouldn't be able to be shut off!!! Shame on advanced garbage disposal!!!
Home owners taxes! They should be forgiven during this and water bill too!
Using the time to keep the city clear of debris such as clogged gutters
Animal Control Services should still be functioning

Remainder of the comments by topic:

Please elaborate...	Classification
Local problems aren't always the same statewide. Decatur is doing a better job than the governor is doing.	Appreciation
Taking this very seriously.	Appreciation
They should be focusing more on Home Care accessibility With individuals like myself who require it. I have been unable to obtain Home Care Because of the restrictions That are in place. The city needs to focus more On providing That access. I am thankful for friends Who are willing to help In the meantime Otherwise I don't think I would have survived long	At-risk populations
The utmost importance is training caregivers of those who are at most risk of contracting this virus with serious harm. Training and equipping these people with PPE should be of the utmost importance above all other things. Caregivers are in private homes as well as facilities and should all be receiving this information.	At-risk populations
It would be beneficial to healthcare workers such as myself special times that we can get essentials like groceries away from others. Also, allowing nursing homes the ability to get items for their residents where there is limited	At-risk populations



community members so that we are at lowest risk to get essential items to our residents.	
Facilities like ADM & CAT should be shut down & the company should be paying them. I personally know other branches of CAT are closed & paying their employees while ours is still operating exposing my husband & my family to an increased risk since they do not even follow guidelines.	At-risk populations
Make cleaning supplies available for everyone to purchase AND prevent hoarding!!	Availability of food and supplies
Allow churches to have drive in services.	Churches
Let us hold church services	Churches
Heard a pool and spa advertisement for local business today. That doesn't seem essential. Am concerned about the homeless during this time. If they get sick do they just lay in their cardboard box and die. Does somebody check on those who are unable or incompetent to care for themselves. Has anybody checked to see if every child is getting food. Are some young kids home alone with both parents working. It takes a village, but is the village watching out for those of limited financial or mental means. Does everybody know, the poor, do they know they cannot be evicted at this time. Why haven't stores like Lowes and Mesnards stopped people from bringing in their entire families, babies and kids included. Perhaps the city should require everyone entering stores to have on a mask, take their temp before they go into the store, and provide hand sanitizer and insist that everybody use it before entering the store. All stores should chek Temps, question about illness, and request use of hand sanitizer before entering store. Should be a city requirement.	Community resilience
Some type of way to connect needs with those willing to volunteer. So many elderly people are going to the grocery store because they don't have anyone to shop for them. Many don't know how to use the grocery services offered by Walmart and Kroger. Many of us would shop for them if there was a way to connect with those who need help.	Community resilience
Host structured events for families to get out of the house, and use them as opportunities to teach about how germs/viruses/infections work and show in practice how to still do things safely.	Community resilience
Providing names of infected. Privacy issues ...go to helll...in this situation i believe the public has a right to know the names if they may have come in contact with that person....a silent killer is on the loose...does the name or description of that killer need to be kept secret. Think of covid 19 as an escaped serial killer roaming the streets....no description or name of that killer is released to the public, BUT we are to be wary and on the lookout for that killer...so that is why the privacy of the infected is threatening my life and	Confirmed cases



safety when the public does not know if they had been exposed to the infected.	
Telling us where these infected people from the nursing home have been. Provide rental assistance. None of these community organizations have any funds. I'm facing an eviction. Judd Bourne is threatening to evict me because I haven't paid April's rent I lost my job. Waiting on unemployment and my stimulus check. Have paid rent since I've been here. I'd like to see rent assistance	Confirmed cases
I was sick. The doctors all thought I had corona. After 4 weeks I was finally able to get a test. It was neg but was told 30% of negs are false and to act like I had it. I don't think we have actual numbers for infections. I know I was not counted.	Confirmed cases
some of the them may have asymptomatic symptoms,its our live in society ,not only the government each individual is responsible for their own protection	Confirmed cases
Customize restrictions based on identified hot spots and protecting high risk residents.	Confirmed cases
Swifter response to contain/isolate cases	Confirmed cases
Too many elderly people out and about. I would like a way for them to stay home. Overall traffic does not seem any lighter and public places such as stores are over crowded	Elderly community
I would like to see more checking in in seniors in our community to make sure their health is nit impacted.	Elderly community
Seeing on the news that the county is looking at significant layoffs (30%) as well as the city "making adjustments" seems ridiculous. The county specifically states the sheriffs office would be on the block for cuts. I can only imagine that the city will follow the same path. We have our police, fire, and medical workers risking their lives constantly for US (including you!) To add the stress of laying them off is crazy! The city police and fire have both been cut in the previous budget! Let's make their lives even harder by adding in a pandemic and layoffs!	Employment
People need to get back to work. Some of the measures taken might prove helpful, but the harm to the ability of people to make a living is rather drastic. People are allowed to walk on a golf course's golf cart path, yet not allowed to play golf. Decatur isn't as bad as some areas in encroaching on our Constitutional rights, but the harm caused by strict distancing measures will last far after the virus has faded.	Employment



In Decatur, everyone I know is still going into work. This needs better addressed before it is too late. Many large employers have hardly changed practices, putting everyone at risk because no one is auditing/punishing these businesses. people are congregating outside, particularly around recreation. You cannot open the lake (for example) and not expect people to party.	Employment
I know the economy is hurting. Our son owns 2 Jimmy Johns in Shreveport and he has received no money from his paycheck loan and is hurting. If we open back up too soon though, without a vaccine it will just start over again	Employment
I wish my husband could stay home from work without wage loss so we wouldn't have to worry about him bringing the virus home due to someone else's decision to not take this seriously.	Employment
They took entirely too long to lock everything down and they're not doing what it takes to help us make a living at least to feed our families and pay the bills.	Employment
Provide financial assistance to single people. I own my business and am not eligible for PPP and unemployment insurance is not available at this time.	Employment
The city needs to let the " non essential " get back to work!!! They should have never been labeled " non essential "!!!	Employment
Everyone should be required to wear a mask. There is no monitoring essential factory workers. Factories should scaled down to one shift because it is impossible to social distance in factories in Decatur this is a joke and the city does not care. There needs to more testing. Schools need to be close until June 2021. And hospital needs to be built for Co-vid 19 and flu for possible must likely second wave that is going to occur in August and jan to june in 2021. All essential should be tested and required to wear mask if a worker can not wear mask due to medical reasons they should be laid off. Mass testing in Decatur. This virus is not going anywhere it's going to get worse second wave. What contingency plan does Decatur have for Mass testing , another hospital and closing of schools until June 2021 and PPE for citizens and essential workers in stores in factories and potential increase if nursing home patients in hospitals during second third wave of coVid 19 and flu for 2020 until June 2021. There needs to be a contingency plan for a whole year	Factories
I think ALL the factories (including contractors at the facilities) should make the employee that are working wear mask. That includes ADM (and all contractors,) CAT, Mueller, the old PPG, any factory should be making ANYONE who is at their facility making them wear a face mask.	Factories
Factories should be held more accountable to work conditions and should communicate more frequently	Factories



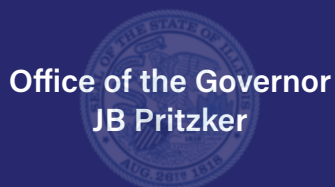
Determining who really is an essential business. Allowing unsafe conditions for factory workers.	Factories
Protect the plants better, ADM, Caterpillar	Factories
More testing at the factories	Factories
Absolutely no financial assistance has come through for self employed workers in this state state	Financial aid
Assistance with unemployment and deferral on real estate taxes. Tax relief	Financial aid
Spring home owners taxes should be forgiven!	Financial aid
Find new sources of general fund revenue.	Financial aid
Make sure I get my relief money.	Financial aid
I believe we should allow landscaping and lawn mowing services to resume working. And we should be allowed to plant gardens...purchase seeds.	Gardening
People should be allowed to purchase flowers & vegetable to plant gardens. Children under 16 yrs of age should not be allowed in any stores.	Gardening
We have the Mason Hall and the old YMCA building that are huge in size. Homeless could use those buildings to shelter in. With necessary supervision and safety procedures in place. Regardless of why they are unprotected, and at great risk to themselves and others.	Homeless population
Homeless on the street	Homeless population
House the homeless.	Homeless population
City has at least 2 hospitals. Should have put all positive covid patients at one hospital	hospitals
I think we the people know what to do when situation to curl like this and that we should be able to do what we would like to do and go on with our lives this is virus is not as bad as others are governments have overstepped their bounds with us people telling us to stay in our homes give me a break I want to go camping I want to go fishing I want be able to walk around my block and enjoy it	Misinformation
My husband says to disband the buses but I don't see how that's possible he's been upset for a long time because there's only been one rider per bus that we've seen	Mobility
Shut down public transportation and all rest area workers.	Mobility
Stop spreading fear and panic and open things up	Panic
Stop the panic!	Panic



I feel unsafe when going to get essential items. I'm mostly concerned that business will open up to early and the virus will spread. I'm a cosmetologist and inches away from clients face. If we open prior to some type of control over the virus I would fear to bring the virus into my home and give it to my children and family members that have weak immune systems. Sometimes the safety of the community is more important than money in pockets	Police and public safety
Protecting our DFD and DPD. They should not have to be worried about job security at times like these.	Police and public safety
More Police Patrols in Neighborhood such as Meadowlark.	Police and public safety
Keep residents safe	Police and public safety
Be safe	Police and public safety
Alternatives creatively designed to give children a sense of normalcy such as reserved playground time and for cryin out loud open the damn golf courses. There could also be a rotating support this small business day where small business owners could apply to participate. They may be hanging by a thread. And a drive-in movie could be rigged up in a park.	Schools and education
Need to be places to take kids so parents don't go crazy with being stuck at home all the time. Also, would be nice to have a test to find out who has and who doesn't so we can avoid places/people that need quartined.	Schools and education
Need more things for youths to do during the pandemic.	Schools and education
Adoping High School Seniors	Schools and education
Better handle on Millikin students living in campus apartments, way too much close contact happening there. Students come and going home back and forth to Chicago area all the time.	Students and social distancing
The college kids should not be allowed to have group parties, the police said they can't do anything about itrties of 20 or more eve	Students and social distancing
Break up house parties and gatherings. They're all over the city.	Students and social distancing
What can you do to keep these millennials in the house?	Students and social distancing

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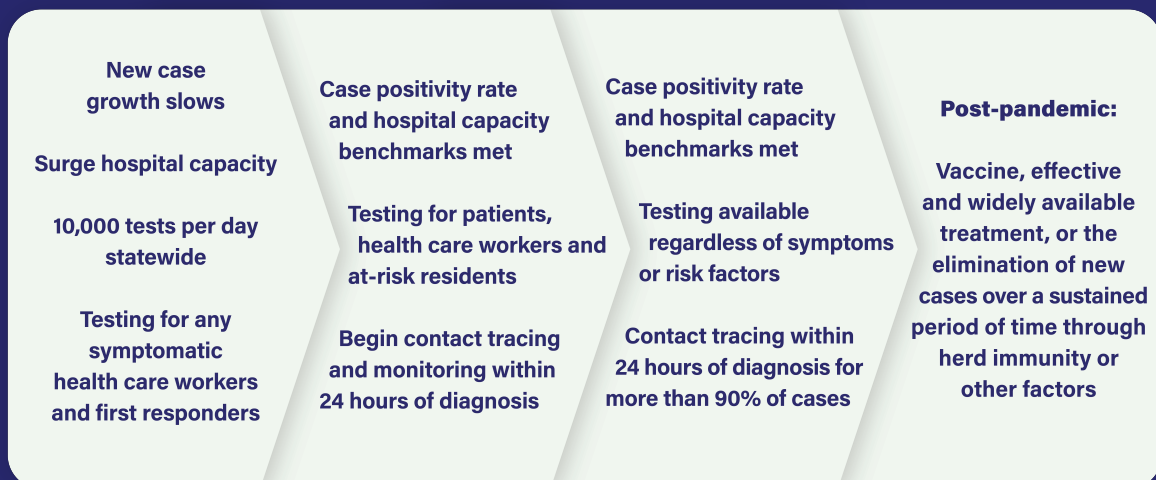


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Phase 1 Rapid Spread	Phase 2 Flattening	Phase 3 Recovery	Phase 4 Revitalization	Phase 5 Illinois Restored
Strict stay at home and social distancing guidelines are put in place, and only essential businesses remain open. Every region has experienced this phase once already and could return to it if mitigation efforts are unsuccessful.	Non-essential retail stores reopen for curb-side pickup and delivery. Illinoisans are directed to wear a face covering when outside the home and can begin enjoying additional outdoor activities like golf, boating & fishing while practicing social distancing.	Manufacturing, offices, retail, barbershops and salons can reopen to the public with capacity and other limits and safety precautions. Gatherings of 10 people or fewer are allowed. Face coverings and social distancing are the norm.	Gatherings of 50 people or fewer are allowed, restaurants and bars reopen, travel resumes, child care and schools reopen under guidance from the Illinois Department of Public Health. Face coverings and social distancing are the norm.	The economy fully reopens with safety precautions continuing. Conventions, festivals and large events are permitted, and all businesses, schools and places of recreation can open with new safety guidance and procedures.



An Introduction



From the beginning of the new coronavirus pandemic, Illinois' response has been guided by data, science, and public health experts. As community spread rapidly increased, Governor Pritzker moved quickly to issue a Disaster Proclamation on March 9, restrict visitors to nursing homes on March 11, close bars and restaurants for on-site consumption on March 16, move schools to remote learning on March 17, and issue a Stay at Home order on March 21. This virus has caused painful, cascading consequences for everyone in Illinois, but the science has been clear: in the face of a new coronavirus with unknown characteristics and in the absence of widespread testing availability and contact tracing, mitigation and maintaining a 6-foot social distance have been the only options to reduce the spread and save as many lives as possible.

Millions of Illinoisans working together by staying at home and following experts' recommendations have proven these mitigation and social distancing measures effective so far. The result has been a lower infection rate, fewer hospitalizations, and lower number of fatalities than projected without these measures. Our curve has begun to flatten. Nevertheless, the risk of spread remains, and modeling and data point to a rapid surge in new cases if all mitigation measures were to be immediately lifted.

Now that Illinois is bending the curve, it is vitally important that we follow a safe and deliberate path forward to get our Illinois economy moving. That path forward is not what everyone wants or hopes for, but it will keep Illinoisans as safe as possible from this virus as our economy is reopening.

Restore Illinois is about saving lives and livelihoods. This five-phased plan will reopen our state, guided by health metrics and with distinct business, education, and recreation activities characterizing each phase. This is an initial framework that will likely be updated as research and science develop and as the potential for treatments or vaccines is realized. The plan is based upon regional healthcare availability, and it 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 and will continue to inform this reopening plan. For the purposes of this plan, 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.

The five phases for each health region are as follows:

Phase 1 – Rapid Spread: 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. Every region has experienced this phase once already, and could return to it if mitigation efforts are unsuccessful.

Phase 2 – Flattening: 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 curbside pickup and delivery. 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.

Phase 3 – Recovery: The rate of infection among those surveillance 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. Gatherings limited to 10 people or fewer are allowed. Face coverings and social distancing are the norm.

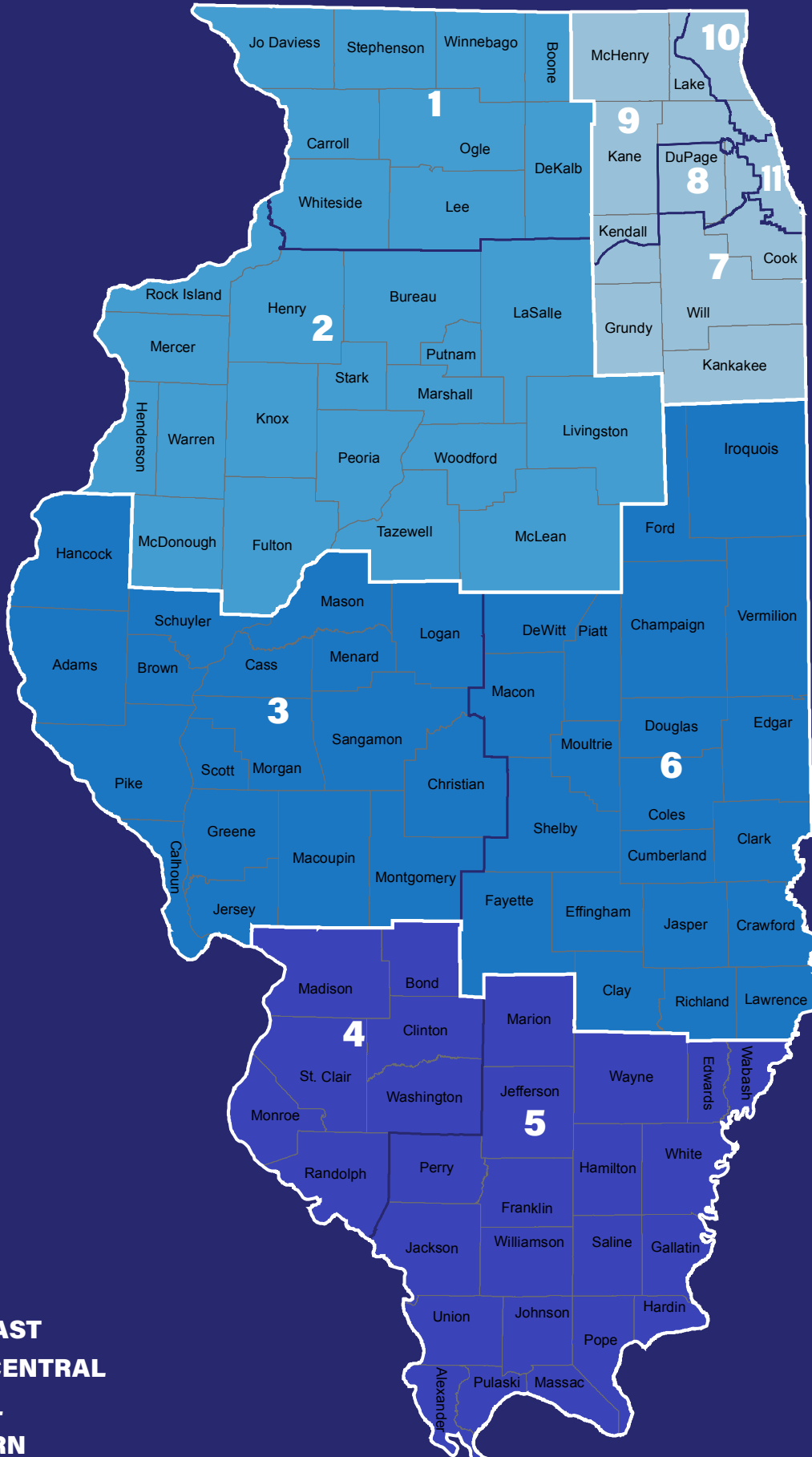
Phase 4 – Revitalization: The rate of infection among those surveillance tested and the number of patients admitted to the hospital continues to decline. Gatherings of 50 people or fewer are allowed, restaurants and bars reopen, travel resumes, child care and schools reopen under guidance from the Illinois Department of Public Health. Face coverings and social distancing are the norm.

Phase 5 – Illinois Restored: 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. 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.

Until COVID-19 is defeated, this plan also recognizes that just as health metrics will tell us it is safe to move forward, health metrics may also tell us to return to a prior phase. With a vaccine or highly effective treatment not yet available, IDPH will be closely monitoring key metrics to immediately identify trends in cases and hospitalizations to determine whether a return to a prior phase may become necessary.

*All public health criteria included in this document are subject to change.
As research and data on this novel coronavirus continue to develop, this plan
can and will be updated to reflect the latest science and data.*

RESTORE ILLINOIS HEALTH REGIONS



- NORTHEAST**
- NORTH-CENTRAL**
- CENTRAL**
- SOUTHERN**

Phase 1: Rapid Spread

WHAT THIS PHASE LOOKS LIKE

COVID-19 is rapidly spreading. The number of COVID-19 positive patients in the hospital, in ICU beds, and on ventilators is increasing. The public health response relies on dramatic mitigation measures, like stay at home orders and social distancing, to slow the spread of the virus and prevent a surge that overwhelms the health care system. With a Stay at Home order in place, only essential businesses are in operation and activities outside of the home are limited to essentials, like grocery shopping.

WHAT'S OPEN?

Gatherings: Essential gatherings, such as religious services, of 10 or fewer allowed; No non-essential gatherings of any size

Travel: Non-essential travel discouraged

Health care: Emergency procedures and COVID-19 care only

Education and child care: Remote learning in P-12 schools and higher education; Child care in groups of 10 or fewer for essential workers

Outdoor recreation: Walking, hiking and biking permitted; State parks closed

Businesses:

- **Manufacturing:** Essential manufacturing only
- **"Non-essential" businesses:** Employees of "non-essential" businesses are required to work from home except for Minimum Basic Operations
- **Bars and restaurants:** Open for delivery, pickup and drive-through only
- **Entertainment:** Closed
- **Personal care services and health clubs:** Closed
- **Retail:** Essential stores are open with strict restrictions; Non-essential stores are closed

HOW WE MOVE TO THE NEXT PHASE

Cases and Capacity:

- Slowing of new case growth
- Availability of surge capacity in adult medical and surgical beds, ICU beds, and ventilators

Testing:

- Ability to perform 10,000 tests per day statewide
- Testing available in region for any symptomatic health care workers and first responders

Phase 2: Flattening

WHAT THIS PHASE LOOKS LIKE

The rise in the rate of infection is beginning to slow and stabilize. Hospitalizations and ICU bed usage continue to increase but are flattening, and hospital capacity remains stable. Face coverings must always be worn when social distancing is not possible. Testing capacity increases and tracing programs are put in place to contain outbreaks and limit the spread.

WHAT'S OPEN

Gatherings: Essential gatherings, such as religious services, of 10 or fewer allowed; No non-essential gatherings

Travel: Non-essential travel discouraged

Health care: Emergency and COVID-19 care continue; Elective procedures allowed once IDPH criteria met

Education and child care: Remote learning in P-12 schools and higher education; Child care in groups of 10 or fewer for essential workers

Outdoor recreation: Walking, hiking, and biking permitted; Select state parks open; Boating and fishing permitted; Golf courses open; All with IDPH approved safety guidance

Businesses:

- **Manufacturing:** Essential manufacturing only
- **"Non-essential" businesses:** Employees of "non-essential" businesses are required to work from home except for Minimum Basic Operations
- **Bars and restaurants:** Open for delivery, pickup, and drive through only
- **Personal care services and health clubs:** Closed
- **Retail:** Essential stores are open with restrictions; Non-essential stores open for delivery and curbside pickup

HOW WE MOVE TO THE NEXT PHASE

Cases and Capacity: The determination of moving from Phase 2 to Phase 3 will be driven by the COVID-19 positivity rate in each region and measures of maintaining regional hospital surge capacity. This data will be tracked from the time a region enters Phase 2, onwards.

- At or under a 20 percent positivity rate and increasing no more than 10 percentage points over a 14-day period, AND
- No overall increase (i.e. stability or decrease) in hospital admissions for COVID-19-like illness for 28 days, AND
- Available surge capacity of at least 14 percent of ICU beds, medical and surgical beds, and ventilators

Testing: Testing available for all patients, health care workers, first responders, people with underlying conditions, and residents and staff in congregate living facilities

Tracing: Begin contact tracing and monitoring within 24 hours of diagnosis

WHAT COULD CAUSE US TO MOVE BACK

IDPH will closely monitor data and receive on-the-ground feedback from local health departments and regional healthcare councils and will recommend moving back to the previous phase based on the following factors:

- Sustained rise in positivity rate
- Sustained increase in hospital admissions for COVID-19 like illness
- Reduction in hospital capacity threatening surge capabilities
- Significant outbreak in the region that threatens the health of the region

Phase 3: Recovery

WHAT THIS PHASE LOOKS LIKE

The rate of infection among those surveillance tested is stable or declining. COVID-19-related hospitalizations and ICU capacity remains stable or is decreasing. Face coverings in public continue to be required. Gatherings of 10 people or fewer for any reason can resume. Select industries can begin returning to workplaces with social distancing and sanitization practices in place. Retail establishments reopen with limited capacity, and select categories of personal care establishments can also begin to reopen with social distancing guidelines and personal protective equipment. Robust testing is available along with contact tracing to limit spread and closely monitor the trend of new cases.

WHAT'S OPEN

Gatherings: All gatherings of 10 people or fewer are allowed with this limit subject to change based on latest data & guidance

Travel: Travel should follow IDPH and CDC approved guidance

Health Care: All health care providers are open with DPH approved safety guidance

Education and child care: Remote learning in P-12 schools and higher education; Limited child care and summer programs open with IDPH approved safety guidance

Outdoor recreation: State parks open; Activities permitted in groups of 10 or fewer with social distancing

Businesses:

- **Manufacturing:** Non-essential manufacturing that can safely operate with social distancing can reopen with IDPH approved safety guidance
- **"Non-essential" businesses:** Employees of "non-essential" businesses are allowed to return to work with IDPH approved safety guidance depending upon risk level, tele-work strongly encouraged wherever possible; Employers are encouraged to provide accommodations for COVID-19-vulnerable employees
- **Bars and restaurants:** Open for delivery, pickup, and drive through only
- **Personal care services and health clubs:** Barbershops and salons open with IDPH approved safety guidance; Health and fitness clubs can provide outdoor classes and one-on-one personal training with IDPH approved safety guidance
- **Retail:** Open with capacity limits and IDPH approved safety guidance, including face coverings

HOW WE MOVE TO THE NEXT PHASE

Cases and Capacity: The determination of moving from Phase 3 to Phase 4 will be driven by the COVID-19 positivity rate in each region and measures of maintaining regional hospital surge capacity. This data will be tracked from the time a region enters Phase 3, onwards.

- At or under a 20 percent positivity rate and increasing no more than 10 percentage points over a 14-day period, AND
- No overall increase (i.e. stability or decrease) in hospital admissions for COVID-19-like illness for 28 days, AND
- Available surge capacity of at least 14 percent of ICU beds, medical and surgical beds, and ventilators

Testing: Testing available in region regardless of symptoms or risk factors

Tracing: Begin contact tracing and monitoring within 24 hours of diagnosis for more than 90% of cases in region

WHAT COULD CAUSE US TO MOVE BACK

IDPH will closely monitor data and receive on-the-ground feedback from local health departments and regional healthcare councils and will recommend moving back to the previous phase based on the following factors:

- Sustained rise in positivity rate
- Sustained increase in hospital admissions for COVID-19 like illness
- Reduction in hospital capacity threatening surge capabilities
- Significant outbreak in the region that threatens the health of the region

Phase 4: Revitalization

WHAT THIS PHASE LOOKS LIKE

There is a continued decline in the rate of infection in new COVID-19 cases. Hospitals have capacity and can quickly adapt for a surge of new cases in their communities. Additional measures can be carefully lifted allowing for schools and child care programs to reopen with social distancing policies in place. Restaurants can open with limited capacity and following strict public health procedures, including personal protective equipment for employees. Gatherings with 50 people or fewer will be permitted. Testing is widely available, and tracing is commonplace.

WHAT'S OPEN

Gatherings: Gatherings of 50 people or fewer are allowed with this limit subject to change based on latest data and guidance

Travel: Travel should follow IDPH and CDC approved guidance

Health care: All health care providers are open

Education and child care: P-12 schools, higher education, all summer programs, and child care open with IDPH approved safety guidance

Outdoor Recreation: All outdoor recreation allowed

Businesses:

- **Manufacturing:** All manufacturing open with IDPH approved safety guidance
- **"Non-essential" businesses:** All employees return to work with IDPH approved safety guidance; Employers are encouraged to provide accommodations for COVID-19-vulnerable employees
- **Bars and restaurants:** Open with capacity limits and IDPH approved safety guidance
- **Personal care services and health clubs:** All barbershops, salons, spas and health and fitness clubs open with capacity limits and IDPH approved safety guidance
- **Entertainment:** Cinema and theaters open with capacity limits and IDPH approved safety guidance
- **Retail:** Open with capacity limits and IDPH approved safety guidance

HOW WE MOVE TO THE NEXT PHASE

Post-pandemic: Vaccine, effective and widely available treatment, or the elimination of new cases over a sustained period of time through herd immunity or other factors.

WHAT COULD CAUSE US TO MOVE BACK

IDPH will closely monitor data and receive on-the-ground feedback from local health departments and regional healthcare councils and will recommend moving back to the previous phase based on the following factors:

- Sustained rise in positivity rate
- Sustained increase in hospital admissions for COVID-19 like illness
- Reduction in hospital capacity threatening surge capabilities
- Significant outbreak in the region that threatens the health of the region

Phase 5: Illinois Restored

WHAT THIS PHASE LOOKS LIKE

Testing, tracing and treatment are widely available throughout the state. Either a vaccine is developed to prevent additional spread of COVID-19, a treatment option is readily available that ensures health care capacity is no longer a concern, or there are no new cases over a sustained period. All sectors of the economy reopen with new health and hygiene practices permanently in place. Large gatherings of all sizes can resume. Public health experts focus on lessons learned and building out the public health infrastructure needed to meet and overcome future challenges. Health care equity is made a priority to improve health outcomes and ensure vulnerable communities receive the quality care they deserve.

WHAT'S OPEN

- All sectors of the economy reopen with businesses, schools, and recreation resuming normal operations with new safety guidance and procedures.
- Conventions, festivals, and large events can take place.