

Good morning members,

With Kane County approving grants for Kane County businesses and not-for-profit organizations affected by COVID-19 pandemic and new face covering guidelines, we thought this information was pertinent and time sensitive. Some of this you may have seen previously, but since all of this is ever changing, there may be something new below.

Additionally, Sip & Sample Through September tickets are now on sale. If you are a restaurant that would still like to participate, please contact Nancy (njensen@genevachamber.com) or give her a call at 630.232.6060. To see participating restaurants, visit <https://www.genevachamber.com/sip-sample-september.php>.

Have a wonderful Wednesday!

Sincerely,

Paula Schmidt
President, Geneva Chamber of Commerce

From Illinois Restaurant Association

Yesterday, the state of Illinois announced revised guidelines for restaurants and bar establishments statewide to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

These latest guidelines will **require patrons to wear a mask during any interaction with wait staff, food service workers and other employees at bars and restaurants.** Face coverings must be worn over the nose and mouth when patrons are approached and served by staff, including but not limited to when employees take patrons orders, deliver food and beverages, and service tables.

This guidance will also apply to other facilities with food services areas that are currently subject to the Restore Illinois guidance, such as indoor recreational facilities, museums and entertainment venues.

New guidelines go into effect today, Wednesday, August 26 and will require face coverings to be worn both in indoor and outdoor dining settings in all eleven regions in the state.

[Click here](#) to read the updated guidelines for restaurants and bars.

From Kane County Government Website (co.kane.il.us)

The U.S. Department of Treasury allocated \$92,900,218 of Coronavirus Relief Funds to Kane County under the CARES Act to help alleviate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic in our communities. To help distribute these funds, the Kane County Board has established the CARES Act Allocation Committee under the direction of Kane County State's Attorney Joseph H. McMahon and in collaboration with the Office of Community Reinvestment. Kerber, Eck & Braeckel, LLP will provide fiscal management of these funds for Kane County.

This initiative for economic recovery established guidelines and strategic priorities for the disbursement of funds to move federal funding to communities, non-profits and businesses in need of direct financial relief.

While the grants were approved yesterday for Kane County businesses and non-profits, **applications are not open yet for these two segments.** Continue to check <https://www.countyofkane.org/Pages/CRF.aspx> for more information, grant application opening date and any requirements or restrictions when applying for the grants.