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On October 28, 2020, Governor Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Health (IDPH) announced that on Saturday, October 31, COVID-19 resurgence mitigations will be implemented in the North Suburban Region 9, which includes Lake and McHenry Counties. The State of Illinois announced that these mitigation measures are intended to help slow the spread of COVID-19. Region 9 restrictions will remain in effect until the region's positivity rate averages less than or equal to 6.5% over a 3-day period.

According to the new mitigation measures, beginning tomorrow, no indoor dining or bar services will be allowed. Restaurants and bars will be required to close at 11pm and may reopen no earlier than 6am the following day. All social gatherings are limited to the lesser of 25 guests or 25% of overall room capacity both indoors and outdoors. For more information about the mitigation requirements, visit the [State of Illinois's website](#).

We understand and are equally concerned about the seriousness of COVID-19. Please continue to do the basics such as washing your hands, wear a face covering in public places and maintain social distance. It is important we all do our part to help reduce the spread of COVID-19 and keep each other safe. When we work together, we will combat this virus.

The Village of Cary will continue to inform our residents and businesses of the Governor's resurgence mitigations in order to allow our businesses and residents to make informed decisions. However, as this is a public health matter, the Village will not enforce these mitigation measures. If we have a call for service, we will respond and educate regarding the situation and forward any applicable report to the McHenry County Health Department.

As a business owner myself, I empathize with all of our businesses who are frustrated and question these mitigation measures. I have a hard time understanding how restaurants and bars in our community will not be able to serve customers indoors but the same restaurants and bars with video gaming machines are able to allow customers to use the video gaming machines indoors. Additionally, there is an inconsistency in the current mitigation metrics. In the past, for the State to enter Phase 4, allowing indoor dining, the COVID-19 test positivity rate needed to be below 20%, yet the current case positivity rate threshold is 3 days at 8%. I am hopeful the Governor's office will release additional information about these questions so we may better understand the Governor's thought process.

The one item that remains certain is that we must continue to support our local businesses. Please continue to support our local business community by utilizing carry-out and delivery options when available. Consider purchasing a gift card from one of our great businesses. For a list of local restaurants, please visit the [Village's website](#).

We are united in the Village of Cary.

Mark Kownick
Mayor