Residents of Matteson, this continues to be a unique time for all. Many are suffering from the COVID fatigue of handwashing, mask-wearing, and social distancing. Still, we must remain vigilant in continuing safety during this pandemic, as you may now be aware that our numbers are increasing. As of today, The Village of Matteson has 26 deaths, and 751 confirmed cases that are continuing to increase daily. The State of Illinois has 378,985 total cases and 9,522 total deaths.

Governor Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) are announcing the COVID-19 resurgence mitigations that will be implemented in our Region, beginning at 12:01 am on Wednesday, October 28, 2020. Region 10 has had eight consecutive days of increases in test positivity and seven days of increased hospital admissions, making it the first Region in the state to meet the metrics for additional mitigations in this way and surpass warning levels in two categories simultaneously. The sustained increases seen in the regions exceed the thresholds set for establishing mitigation measures under the state’s Restore Illinois Resurgence Plan.

I implore you to comply with Governors Pritzker’s Mitigation measures that will take effect on October 28. These mitigations include the following:

**Bars**
- No indoor service
- All outside bar service closes at 11:00 pm.
- All bar patrons should be seated at tables outside
- No ordering, seating, or congregating at bar (bar stools should be removed)
- Tables should be 6 feet apart
- No standing or congregating indoors or outdoors while waiting for a table or exiting
- No dancing or standing indoors
- Reservations required for each party
- No seating of multiple parties at one table

**Restaurants**
- No indoor dining or bar service
- All outdoor dining closes at 11:00 pm.
- Outside dining tables should be 6 feet apart
- No standing or congregating indoors or outdoors while waiting for a table or exiting
- Reservations required for each party
- No seating of multiple parties at one table

**Meetings, Social Events, Gatherings**
- Limit to lesser of 25 guests or 25 percent of overall room capacity
- No party buses
- Gaming and Casinos close at 11:00 pm, are limited to 25 percent capacity, and follow mitigations for bars and restaurants, if applicable

IDPH will continue to track our regions' positivity rate to determine if mitigations can be relaxed, if additional mitigations are required, or if current mitigations should remain in place.

A full list of mitigation measures pertaining to some businesses and industries may be found on the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) website at [www.dceocovid19resources.com/restore-illinois](http://www.dceocovid19resources.com/restore-illinois).

No one is exempt from COVID-19. I urge all Matteson residents to get tested and practice all safety guidelines. We are entering the flu season, and our hospitals are facing both COVID-19 and flu admissions. The same things that can help prevent the spread of COVID-19 will help prevent the spread of flu. Please, wash your hands, watch your distance, and wear your mask. And make sure to get your flu shot." We must protect our families, friends, and fellow residents.

Stay Safe,

Sheila Chalmers-Currin

Village President