

## **Media Update**

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## Region 2 Returning to Tier 1 Mitigations Effective Immediately

This afternoon the Illinois Department of Public Health announced that Region 2, which encompasses Peoria County, Tazewell County, and Woodford County, may reenter Tier 1 mitigations effective immediately. This includes allowing limited indoor dining.

"We are excited that Peoria County, as well as all of Region 2, have met the measures to move from Tier 2 to Tier 1," said Monica Hendrickson, Peoria City/County Health Department Administrator. "The past two months have been challenging for our community members and partners, but by working together we have been able to decrease the positivity rate and stress on our hospital systems.

"The work is not over. We still need to be diligent in the weeks to come as COVID-19 vaccines become more and more available."

Health departments urge residents to follow the Tier 1 guidance and to continue to wear face coverings, social distance, practice good hygiene, and get vaccinated when the vaccine is available to you.

Restore Illinois guidelines for Tier 1 are available at <a href="http://dph.illinois.gov/sites/default/files/COVID19/IL%20Tier%201%20Resurgence%20Mitigations%20-%20January%2015,%202021%20Update1.pdf">http://dph.illinois.gov/sites/default/files/COVID19/IL%20Tier%201%20Resurgence%20Mitigations%20-%20January%2015,%202021%20Update1.pdf</a>.

To find local information on the Tri-county community response to COVID-19, visit; www.pcchd.org/COVID19

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