BOWLING GUIDELINES

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RESTORE ILLINOIS
A Public Health Approach To Safely Reopen Our State

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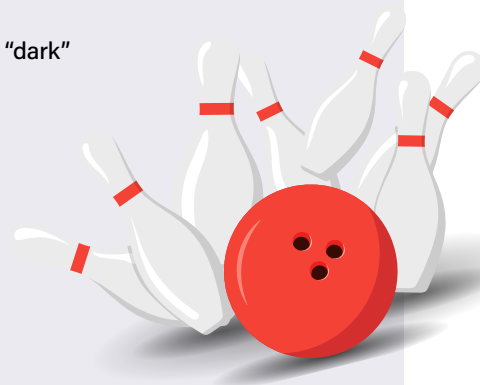**APPLICABLE TO EACH REGION UPON TRANSITION TO PHASE IV | EARLIEST EFFECTIVE DATE AUGUST 3, 2020**

The Revitalization Phase of the Restore Illinois public health approach to reopening the Illinois economy includes larger gathering sizes, additional businesses reopening and increased capacities. We must all continue to social distance, frequently wash our hands and cover our faces to maintain progress in overcoming COVID-19.

With the precautions and operational restrictions outlined below, bowling shall be permitted as a sports activity, effective August 3, 2020. In addition to the general social distancing standards set forth in the Executive Order and Youth and Adult Sports Guidelines, bowling alley operators and bowlers need to abide by the following controls.

BOWLING FACILITIES AND MANAGEMENT

i. Minimum guidelines

1. Bowling venues should operate at the lesser of 200 people or 50% of venue capacity.
2. Groups of bowlers of up to 50 people will be separated by two unused, or "dark" lanes.
3. Groups must limit congregation before, during and after bowling.
4. Signage describing operational changes including:
   a. no congregating in groups larger than 50,
   b. increased frequency of cleaning,
   c. no handshakes, and
   d. maintain social distancing between bowlers, guests, and staff.
5. Face coverings shall be required for all bowlers, guests, and staff.
6. Bar and restaurant portions of the bowling center may reopen so long as they comply with indoor and outdoor dining guidelines.
7. Arcades are permissible so long as they operate in compliance with the Phase 4 guidelines. Individuals in the arcades must maintain social distancing and machines should be sanitized regularly. Arcade games should be spaced at least six feet apart.
8. Facility management should maintain frequent sanitation of high touchpoint areas, such as lane scoring consoles, dart boards, control panels, tokens, and joysticks. Every two hours recommended for high-traffic areas.
9. Hand sanitizer and soap should be present in all restrooms at the bowling facility. Bathrooms should be sanitized every two hours.
10. Group activities (league play and other organized events) are permitted. Bowling facilities should develop procedures to ensure that individuals do no congregate in groups excess of 50 before or after the activity.

11. Gift shops can reopen so long as they comply with the retail guidelines
12. Bowling lessons are permissible for individuals and groups of 50 or less, including the instructor(s). Individuals should remain a minimum six feet apart during the lesson, or wear face-coverings when within six feet of each other. Individuals should only handle their own bowling balls, shoes, and equipment

ii. Encouraged best practices

1. Encourage online or telephone bookings.
2. If practical, non-household individuals should use their own lanes.
3. Provide hand sanitizer at each bowling lane.
4. Individuals should minimize contact with high touchpoint areas, such as lane scoring consoles, dart boards, control panels, tokens. Frequent hand sanitization is encouraged.

PLAYER BEHAVIORS

i. Minimum guidelines

1. Any individuals with any symptoms of COVID-19, should not play.
2. In addition, any individuals from a household with someone with symptoms of COVID-19 should not play.
3. Players and employees should maintain social distance (at least 6 feet) inside the bowling facility, arcade area, gift shops, bar and restaurants, and throughout the facility.

ii. Encouraged best practices

1. Players should handle their own equipment.
2. Players should keep score with their own score pad and writing instrument instead of using score consoles.
3. Players should bring hand sanitizer with them and use before, during and at the end of your game.
4. Players should bring their own supply of balls, shoes, and any other equipment needed to bowl.
5. Players should bring their own source of water.
6. No handshakes at the beginning of the game or after.