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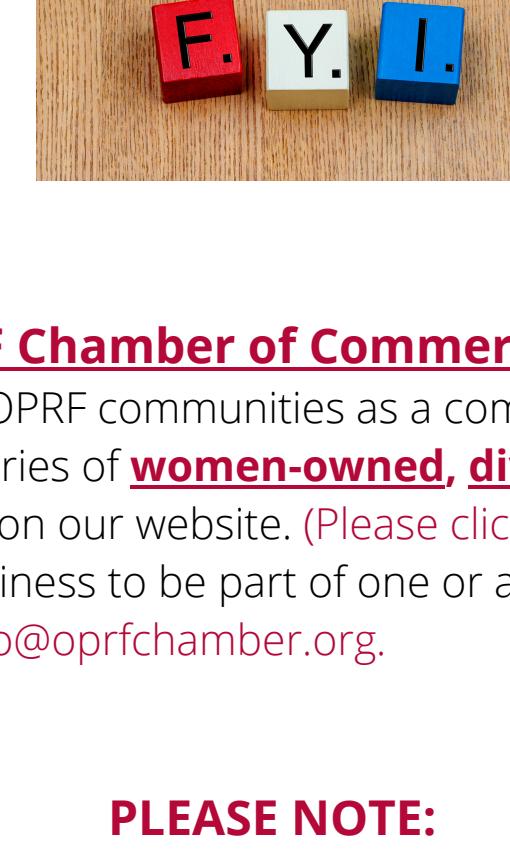
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[Graham Washington, owner of LIVE Cafe](#). They will unpack being Black in Business, the L!V!S!BLE Business Coalition and living in a real-life revolution.

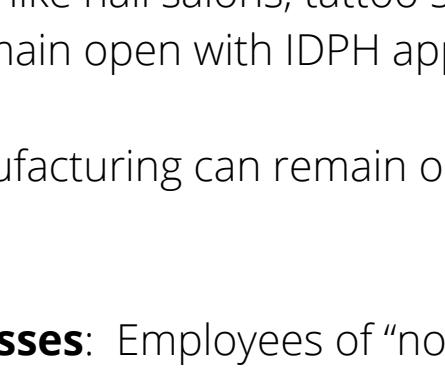
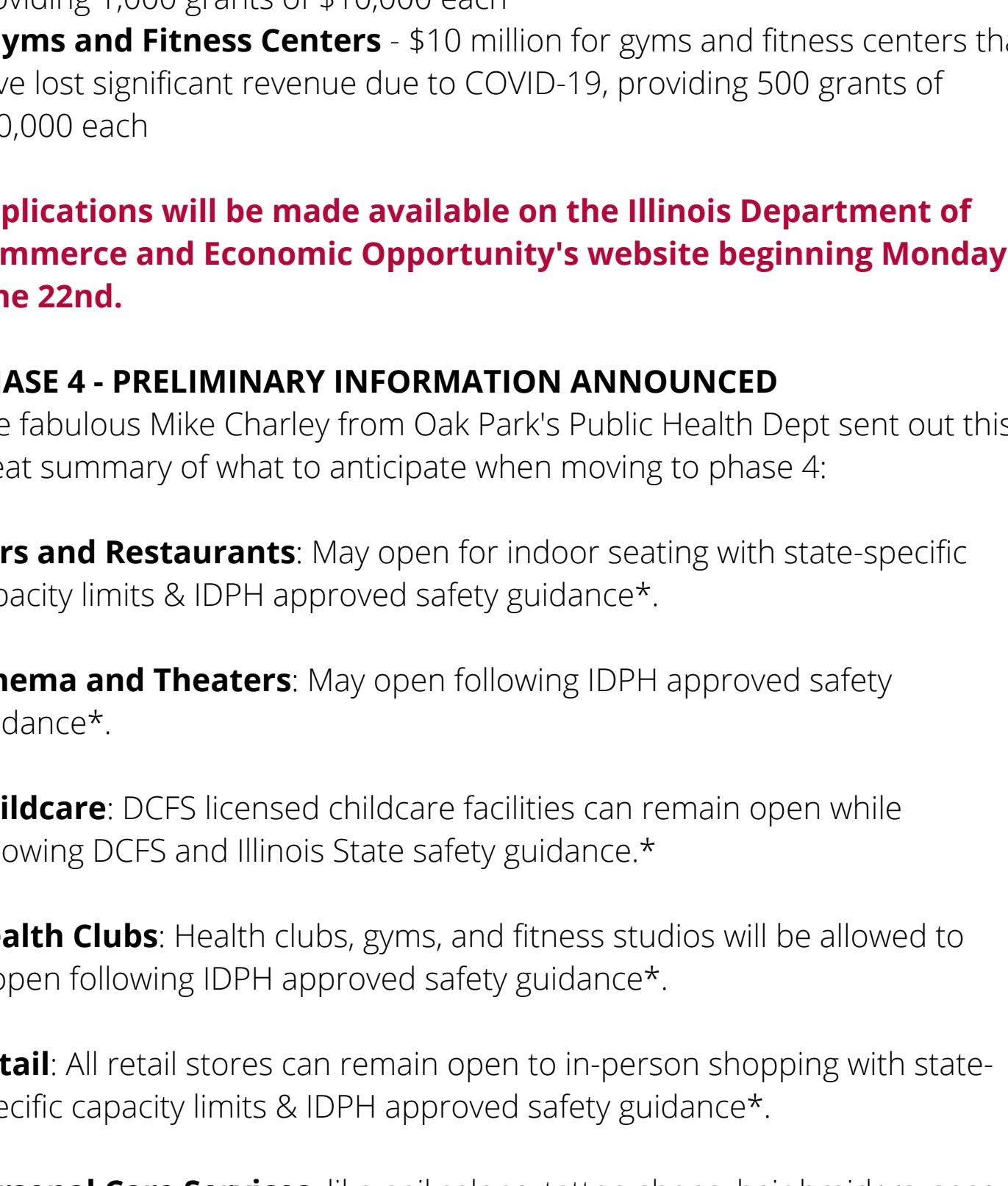


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[TAKE THE COVID-19 SAFETY PLEDGE NOW!](#)

We're keeping the health and safety of our employees, community members, and visitors at the forefront. Take the Covid-19 Safety Pledge to show that you're doing your part in maintaining the well-being of all who live and work in our community.

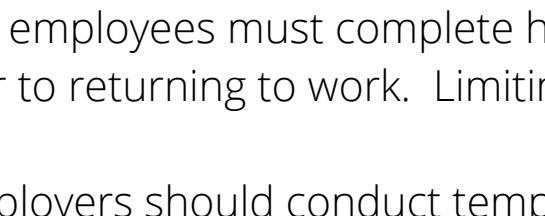
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all businesses welcomed to take the pledge.



[Business Recovery Survey: Phase 3](#)

Please tell us about how you have managed during Phase 3 of reopening, and what you have planned for Phase 4. We need to know your challenges and needs so that we can help you now!

[CLICK FOR SURVEY HERE](#)



[The OPRF Chamber of Commerce website](#)

lists ALL businesses in OPRF communities as a community resource. We have designated categories of [women-owned](#), [diversely-owned](#), and [veteran-owned](#) listed on our website. (Please click on links above to see.) If you would like your business to be part of one or all of those categories, please contact us at info@oprffchamber.org.

[PLEASE NOTE:](#)

The [OPRF Chamber of Commerce](#) will be closed June 15-26, 2020 to take time for strategic planning for the year. Planned events will still take place. (See calendar at the end of the newsletter.) If you have any questions during this time, please contact one of the following Board Members regarding your inquiry.

Please put "Chamber Inquiry" in the subject line. Thank you.

RE: MEMBERSHIP - Please contact:

Lynn Palmgren - lynn@palmgrenacu.com

Heidi Ruehle - heidi@utrf.org

RE: TASK FORCE AND RECOVERY - Please contact:

Sam Youseif - sam@fullerhealthgroup.com

RE: CHAMBER BUSINESS - Please contact:

Mary Ann Bender - drbender@oakparkpodiatry.com

Don't forget to take the census!

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PHASE 4 - PRELIMINARY INFORMATION ANNOUNCED
The fabulous Mike Charley from Oak Park's Public Health Dept sent out this great summary of what to anticipate when moving to phase 4:

Bars and Restaurants: May open for indoor seating with state-specific capacity limits & IDPH approved safety guidance*.

Cinema and Theaters: May open following IDPH approved safety guidance*.

Childcare: DCFS licensed childcare facilities can remain open while following DCFS and Illinois State safety guidance.*

Health Clubs: Health clubs, gyms, and fitness studios will be allowed to reopen following IDPH approved safety guidance*.

Retail: All retail stores can remain open to in-person shopping with state-specific capacity limits & IDPH approved safety guidance*.

Personal Care Services: like nail salons, tattoo shops, hair braiders, spas and barbershops, can remain open with IDPH approved safety guidance*.

Manufacturing: All manufacturing can remain open with IDPH approved safety guidance*.

"Non-essential" businesses: Employees of "non-essential" businesses are allowed to return to work with IDPH approved safety guidance*. Employers are encouraged to provide accommodations for COVID-19 vulnerable employees.

Gatherings: Gatherings of 50 or fewer will be allowed, but are subject to change based on latest data and Illinois state guidance.

Outdoor Recreation: All outdoor recreation will be allowed.

Prior to June 26, the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) will be releasing COVID-19 Restore Illinois Phase 4 Guidelines for different types of workplaces/business that should help answer specific questions workplaces/business have regarding the transition from Phase 3 to Phase 4 of Restore Illinois. The Village will share information and State links to the information when it is released by the State.

What will the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity address:

General health requirements: Employers must have plans for social distancing, working from home, handwashing.

HR & travel policies: All employees must complete health & safety training related to COVID-19 prior to returning to work. Limiting all essential travel.

Health monitoring: Employers should conduct temperature screenings and follow state guidance regarding sick employees.

Physical workplace: Social distancing signage, proper space configuration of employees, removing shared items, providing hand sanitizer and environmental cleaning.

Customer behaviors: For some businesses, reservations will be required, cloth face coverings required, customers that are COVID-19 symptomatic cannot be allowed entry, maintain social distancing.

Capacity limits: For specific business types, the State will specify capacity limits based on occupancy and/or square footage.

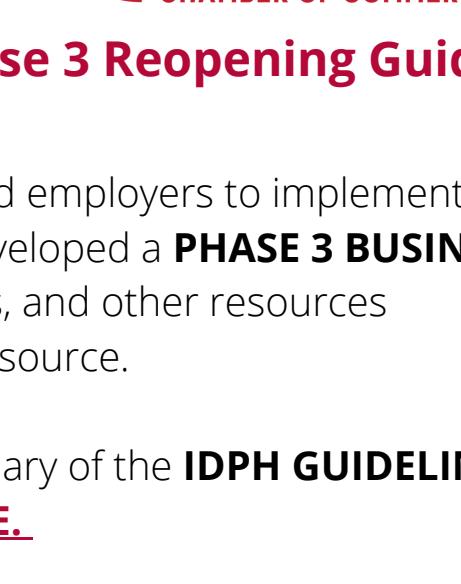
If you have any questions regarding COVID-19:

-And your business is in OAK PARK please visit the Village's COVID-19 webpage or email health@oak-park.us or 708-358-5700.

-And your business is in RIVER FOREST please contact Jonathan Pape at jpape@vrf.us or call (708) 714-3563.

RE: MINIMUM WAGE: All hours worked on or after midnight, July 1, 2020, should be paid at the higher applicable minimum wage rate. If an hourly difference exists on July 1, two different rates could be used.

- CLICK HERE for the Cook County Minimum Wage Ordinance



Phase 3 Reopening Guidelines

To prepare businesses and employers to implement the **new safety guidelines**, the State of Illinois has developed a **PHASE 3 BUSINESS TOOLKIT** complete with signage, training checklists, and other resources

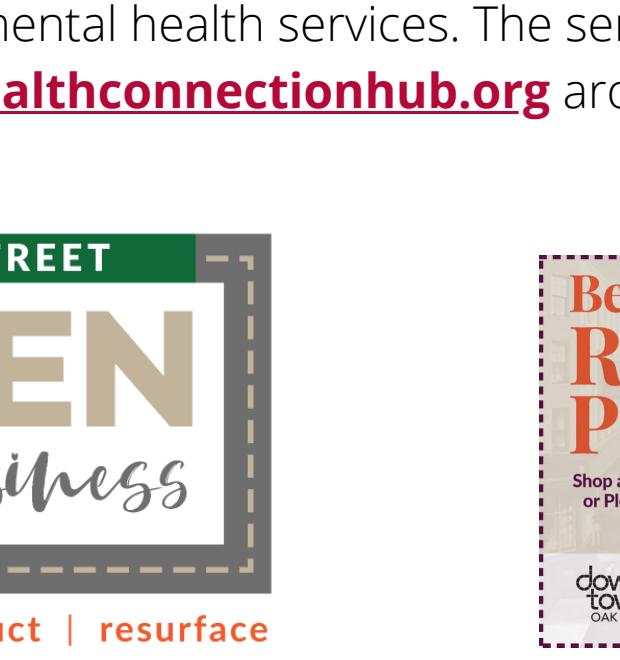
[CLICK HERE](#) to see this resource.

DCEO also issued a summary of the **IDPH GUIDELINES FOR SPECIFIC INDUSTRIES** [CLICK HERE](#).

IMPORTANT NOTE: Please know that the Village Administrators in both Oak Park and River Forest both received this information at the same time as we did, so they are still digesting all this documentation. Please be patient - we are working to try and get you all as much information as we can in a timely manner.

PPP FUNDING

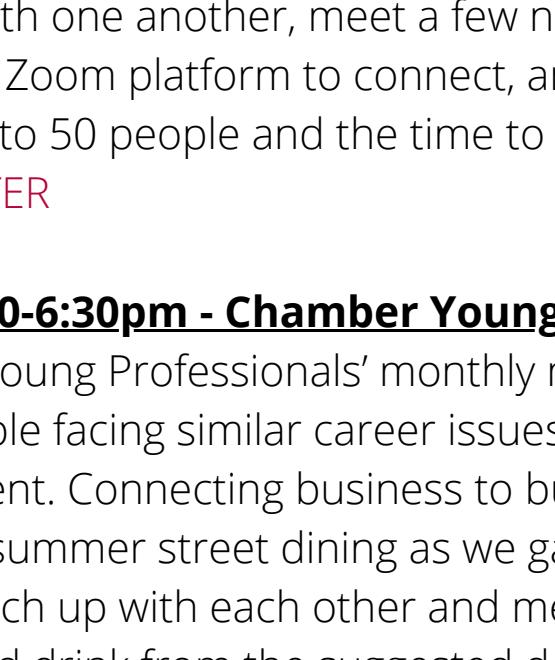
There is still PPP funding available so if you are still in need and have not yet applied, reach out to your bank. - If you have already received PPP funding, it is imperative that you fill in the correct paper work to show that you have used the funds appropriately. [CLICK HERE](#) to see the Loan Forgiveness Application.



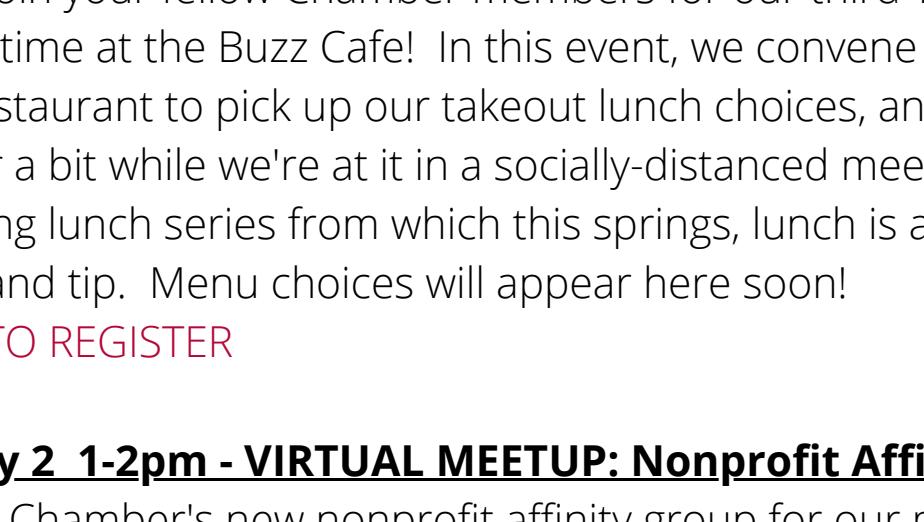
Chicago Community Tools is helping small business owners struggling through the recent unrest. Donations of brooms and trash bags needed. Any donations can be brought to Senator Harmon's Constituent Service Office at 6941 W. North Avenue. Feel free to call or contact Eileen Lynch, the Senator's Chicagoland Director, at elynnch@donharmon.org to make specific arrangements.

Learn more about the work of Community Tools at

chicagocommunitytools.org/



For **up-to-date COVID-19 INFO, RESOURCES, & GRANTS** please reference our [OPRFChamber.org](#) homepage.



Lake Street Resurfacing
Phase Starts Early.

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Better Lake Street Rewards Program: May 1-Aug 31, 2020

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Friday Five Feedback

Tell us what you think

With all three phases of Better Lake Street underway for the last several weeks, we reached out to businesses in recent days to check in with them on how they're doing during construction and how they've been coping with COVID-19 and other challenges.

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Tuesday, June 23 2-3pm - Tea at Two: Virtual Speed Networking

The OPRF Chamber is continuing Tea at Two, a virtual gathering of Chamber members to check in with one another, meet a few new folks, and share thoughts. We'll use the Zoom platform to connect, and we'll limit participation in this call to 50 people and the time to 1 hour.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

Thursday, June 25, 4:30-6:30pm - Chamber Young Professionals - Street Dining Meetup! Join Young Professionals' monthly meet-up to share experiences, meet people facing similar career issues and discuss areas of professional development. Connecting business to business, and business to community. Join us for summer street dining as we gather (outdoors with social distancing) to catch up with each other and meet a few new folks. Bring your own food and drink from the suggested destinations below, all within a couple of blocks of Marion & Lake Street, and come find us at the outdoor tables! RSVPs preferred so we can claim the right amount of table-space. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

Friday, June 26 9:30-11am - Office Hours: Drop In Help Center with Chamber Professionals

Held twice monthly at the Chamber HQ, "Office Hours" is a drop-in help center for all Chamber Members looking to beef up their member ePage, better understand Chamber benefits or just talk business. RSVP to make an appointment with us, or just come on in!

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

Friday, June 26 12:00-12:30pm - Chamber Takeout Stakeout at Buzz Cafe

Come join your fellow Chamber members for our third Takeout Stakeout, this time at the Buzz Cafe! In this event, we convene at a designated restaurant to pick up our takeout lunch choices, and get to see each other for a bit while we're at it in a socially-distanced meetup. Like our Tuesday Tasting lunch series from which this spring, lunch is a flat \$15 including tax and tip. Menu choices will appear here soon!

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

Thursday, July 2, 1-2pm - VIRTUAL MEETUP: Nonprofit Affinity Group

Come join the Chamber's new nonprofit affinity group for our Affinity group gathering this month for Zoom learning about "Event Planning in the time of COVID"! Heidi Ruehle, executive director of the Unity Temple Restoration Foundation, will facilitate our discussion about online and in-person events for different purposes. Bring your questions, ideas, and experiences for the discussion! [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

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