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May 11, 2020

The Honorable JB Pritzker
Governor

James R Thompson Center
100 W Randolph 16-100
Chicago, Illinois 60601

Dear Governor Pritzker:

Thank you for putting forth the “Restore Illinois” plan to safely reopen our state’s economy for both commerce and social interaction.

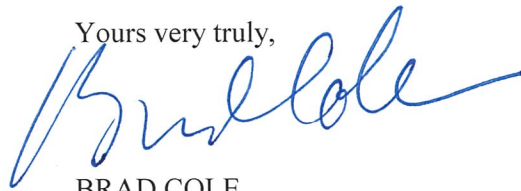
We have heard from many of our members who agree with the public health requirements of the plan, but we have also heard from many who have specific concerns and suggestions for modifying the plan.

Primary among the suggestions for modification is concern about the groupings of cities, counties and geographic areas within the regions. Utilizing the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) regions of the state, the “Restore Illinois” map outlines four regions that combined the 11 original EMS regions; see enclosures. Governor, you have traveled this state as much or more than anyone else and you know how vastly different it is from one corner to another. Because of that, it seems appropriate to maintain the 11 regions as set forth on the EMS map and we request your consideration for modifying the plan with such an adjustment.

Also among the prominent suggestions is a revision to the 28-day timeline for stability or a decrease in COVID-19-like hospital admissions. Reducing that timeline from 28 days to 14 days would allow regions that also meet the other requirements to move to the next phase sooner, but still with an adequate period of time for data study and patient observation. We request your consideration for modifying the plan with this adjustment, as well.

The elected officials of the 1,298 cities, villages and towns throughout Illinois all want the same thing: for the communities of Illinois to recover, prosper and grow as soon as possible, while maintaining the health and safety of everyone involved. We believe that is your desire, too, and we look forward to continuing our partnership toward that goal. Thank you.

Yours very truly,



BRAD COLE
Executive Director

c: Illinois Department of Public Health
Illinois General Assembly

Enclosures (2)



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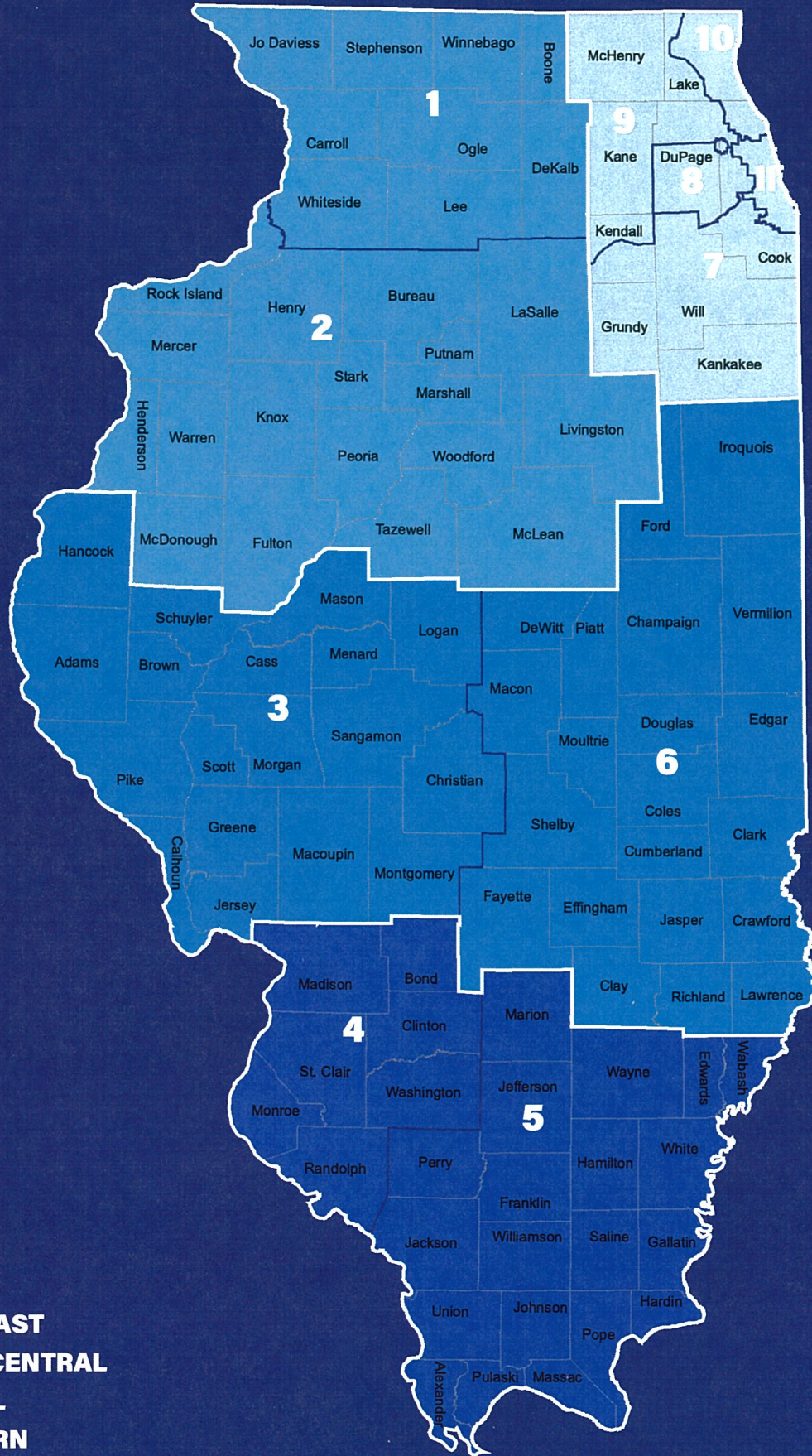
**Emergency Medical Services
Regions in Illinois**



Map Updated July, 2016
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RESTORE ILLINOIS HEALTH REGIONS



-  **NORTHEAST**
-  **NORTH-CENTRAL**
-  **CENTRAL**
-  **SOUTHERN**