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Planned Parenthood Of Illinois Reopening Health Centers

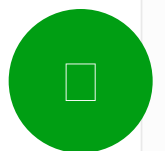
Here are the 15 Planned Parenthood health centers opening soon in Illinois following temporary closures due to the coronavirus pandemic.

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Planned Parenthood of Illinois announced its Aurora health care center is one of the 15 Illinois locations that will be open on June 15 following the state's shift into Phase 3 of the Restore Illinois plan. (Scott Olson/Getty Images)

CHICAGO, IL — Planned Parenthood of Illinois (PPIL) will reopen most of its health center locations across the state Monday after temporarily consolidating services to six centers in March in response to the coronavirus pandemic, the organization announced Wednesday in a news release. The nine additional health centers are reopening following the state's shift into Phase 3 of the Restore Illinois plan, the news release said, adding that all open health centers are maintaining safety measures put in place over the course of the pandemic, in alignment with guidelines issued by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH).

Planned Parenthood of Illinois is providing services out of the following 15 health centers beginning Monday, and said decisions about reopening the remaining

three health centers will be made at a later date:

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Days and hours vary by location. Please visit ppil.org for the most current information.

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"Throughout this crisis, our staff has proven to be flexible and innovative as we've worked to provide safe and uninterrupted access to essential health care," President and CEO of Planned Parenthood Illinois Jennifer Welch said, in the news release. "We are thankful for the progress Illinois has made in slowing COVID-19 and are grateful to be reopening most of our health centers this month. As an essential health care provider, PPIL is equally committed to caring for our patients and keeping our teams safe and healthy."

To slow the spread of the coronavirus Planned Parenthood of Illinois has put the following safety measures in place at all health centers:

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- Symptom and temperature screening of both patients and staff
- A universal masking policy
- Remote check-in to reduce the amount of time patients spend inside the health center;
- Social distancing measures, whenever possible, including limiting the number of patients in our waiting rooms at any one time;
- Enhanced disinfecting and cleaning practices in all PPIL health centers and buildings;
- **Telehealth appointments** for select services, so that patients can receive high-quality health care from the comfort of home;
- Restricting health center access to patients only. Children and guests are not currently allowed in PPIL health centers. We know this is inconvenient, but please know this is to keep our patients and staff as safe as possible.

For additional information or to make an appointment please visit ppil.org.

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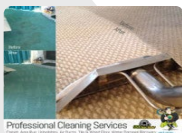
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