COVID-19 Update

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Today's 7 day rolling average positivity rate is 8.4. This puts us at 2 days in a row of over 8% and unless we see a sharp decrease (which I think is highly unlikely given that in the entire month of October we have seen a total of .5 percentage points decrease and never more than .2 in a day) Pritzker will likely announce tomorrow that we will be moved into tier 1 mitigations (my guess would be a Friday start date but that's just a guess).

What this means for the library:

We will remain at curbside services until we are moved out of tier 1 mitigations. Details on mitigations here: https://coronavirus.illinois.gov/s/restore-illinois-mitigation-plan

According to my understanding of the mitigations we would be able to remain at curbside services all through tier 2 if things get worse and would only need to step back if he takes us into tier 3 mitigations. The reopening committee has not made a final decision on that front though and will discuss if alternate plans need to be made if we are taken into tier 2. After being in tier 1 it should take at least 2 weeks before being moved into tier 2 mitigations.

Per usual for this year, any of this could change at any time. I'm just updating based on my current understanding.

I'm pretty sure no one will ever want surprise parties after this year...

Per usual- let me know if you have questions and I'll do my best to answer or pass on to someone else. If you have suggestions on what we *should* be doing in regards to reopening please send them to the chair of the reopening committee- Penny.