



## GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

# Report

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## This Week in Illinois

### Session Update

Late last month, Governor Pritzker called for a special session of the General Assembly in response to the US Supreme Court's decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*. The Governor did not provide specific dates but said it would be in the coming weeks. However, current talks suggest that the House and Senate may not return until September and may include additional topics.

As always, when the Legislature is in session no topic is off the table. While there is still no further information at this time, we will keep you posted when those dates of the special session officially become available.

The General Assembly has released the schedule for veto session. Lawmakers will be back in Springfield Tuesday, November 15 -November 17 as well as November 29-December 1.

View and download the veto calendar [here](#).

### Legislative Update: Bills of Interest

*No bills of interest were introduced, passed or signed into law this week.*

## **Governor Pritzker Reduces COVID-19 Measures for Some Sectors**

On Tuesday, July 12th Governor Pritzker issued [Executive Order 2022-16](#) which reissues previous pandemic-related Executive Orders with some notable changes, particularly for members in the healthcare and education space.

In the release accompanying the Executive Order, the Governor's office writes the following regarding healthcare employees:

*Currently, Illinois requires at least weekly testing of health care staff who are unvaccinated. Under the updated requirements, long-term care facilities with the most vulnerable residents, including skilled nursing homes, will now test staff who are not up to date with their COVID-19 vaccine weekly if located in an area of moderate community level transmission and twice weekly in areas of substantial or high community level transmission, as recommended by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Unvaccinated staff at hospitals and other healthcare facilities that are certified by CMS will now be required to test weekly only if located in areas of high community level transmission.*

Vaccine mandates for emergency medical service providers were not [reissued](#).

Concerning the higher education space, vaccine mandates for employees and students were not reissued either.

Read the Governor's press release [here](#).

Read the full executive order [here](#).

## **President & CEO Maisch Radio Interview on Inflation**

Earlier this week, President & CEO Todd Maisch joined 92.7 WMAY for an early morning conversation about the latest national inflation numbers. Maisch [warned](#) that the Illinois and national economy may be facing coming trouble, but also said that the State is positioned to weather the storm if policymakers act prudently.

In the interview, Maisch said that Illinois has to use this opportunity to send a signal to the business community. That is whether or not the State can maintain sound fiscal footing while not raising taxes or imposing burdensome policies in potential times of trouble.

Listen to the full interview [here](#).



## **Register Today: Illinois Chamber 2022 Annual Luncheon**

The Illinois Chamber of Commerce has announced its 2022 Annual Meeting which will take place on

October 6 at the Palmer House Hilton in Chicago. This year's theme is Future of Energy and Impact on Illinois: Actions by the Federal Reserve.

For more information and registration please visit us [here](#).

With questions, please reach out to Kirsten Constant, Business Services Coordinator, Illinois Chamber of Commerce at [kconstant@ilchamber.org](mailto:kconstant@ilchamber.org)

### ***Documents of Interest***

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