

The Honorable J.B. Pritzker
Office of the Governor
207 State House
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Governor Pritzker,

Thank you for your response to my letter. Unfortunately, or maybe by design, your response failed to acknowledge any point I raised in my letter to you late October.

Governor, your statistical based strategy of who remains open and who you close down is simply not working. Be it schools, communities, Counties, restaurants, taverns etc. The numbers are trending the wrong way and will continue to do so until you change your approach.

You have a toolbox full of tools yet the only tool you continue to use is a sledgehammer. Over and over again we only see you taking one approach. I implore you to please revisit your strategy and move to one of management rather than containment.

The numbers suggest it is worth a try as your current approach continues to fail, everyday we see an increase in positive test results and Covid related deaths continue to rise.

The City of Genoa is enacting a program approved by the City Council to give (yes give) the businesses within our City Electrostatic Sprayers to be used in conjunction with Restore Illinois guidelines.

It is imperative that we set businesses up for success and not failure. Our program provides a sprayer at no cost and placards which we hope the businesses display announcing an ESS unit is being used to help keep customers safe.

Our small businesses must survive and I firmly believe the better approach is to partner with our small businesses by providing them the tools to help them instill customer confidence. When we turn the corner which I sincerely hope will be soon, it is customer confidence that will reinvigorate our economies and provide much needed tax revenues.

Believe me, I fully understand these times are not easy. But please understand the leaders of the smaller towns have many more challenges balancing budgets and making payroll than our larger neighbors. We need to be nimble and creative and that's what we intend to do.

Again, I ask you to revisit your toolbox and examine the many different tools at your disposal, meanwhile we will partner with our businesses giving them the tools to gain customer confidence rather than closing businesses, some permanently.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Vicary". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Mark Vicary
Mayor