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May 01, 2020

From the Office of the Mayor:

I understand most of us are ready for Illinois to open up and to be able to return to our lives before the Stay at Home Order. Unfortunately, I believe we are not quite ready and want to encourage everyone to continue to follow the Governor's Stay at Home Order.

I do, however, feel that we cannot wait until the end of May before starting to open up. We want to continue to work with state and local officials, health experts and others to coordinate a phased-in opening long before May 31. We hope that this next week will show more positive data and hopefully begin to see a decrease in our number of cases. I would like to see downstate begin a phased-in opening the week of May 11 with all the necessary safety precautions in place. We want to see our small businesses thriving again.

I would like us all to be understanding and be patient. We must work together now more than ever.

Together we can.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gary W. Manier". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Mayor Gary W Manier