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Chicago Heights Driver Services Facility to Reopen Tuesday, January 25
Temporary facility at Prairie State College has been closed

Secretary of State Jesse White announced that the permanent Chicago Heights Driver Services facility located at 570 W. 209th St. will be reopening on Tuesday, Jan. 25. As a result, the temporary facility at Prairie State College has been closed.

“The people of Chicago Heights and the surrounding area deserve to have their permanent facility back in operation,” said White. “While I have been disappointed with the landlord’s slow progress of the repairs and renovations to the facility, I am pleased to announce its reopening.”

The permanent Chicago Heights Driver Services facility has been closed since the summer of 2020 after a fire seriously damaged the building. White opened a temporary Driver Services facility at Prairie State College to continue serving the residents of Chicago Heights and surrounding communities while the permanent facility was being repaired and renovated by the landlord. With the opening of the facility at 570 W. 209th St., the temporary Prairie State College facility has been closed.

“I want to thank Prairie State College for its generosity in allowing my office to open a temporary facility on campus to continue serving local residents while the facility was under construction,” said White. “I also want to thank Senator Patrick Joyce and Representative Anthony DeLuca for their continued support of our efforts to serve the residents of Chicago Heights and the surrounding communities.”

White noted the Chicago Heights Driver Services facility will operate as a walk-in facility. Customers and employees are required to wear masks. Customers are encouraged to bring their own masks. Sixteen Chicagoland facilities are requiring appointments for behind-the-wheel road tests, REAL IDs, standard driver’s licenses and ID cards. Vehicle services, such as renewing a license plate sticker or applying for a vehicle title, do not require an appointment. More information is available at ilsos.gov.

White continues to encourage people to conduct other business online at ilsos.gov. In addition to driver’s license and ID card renewals for those who qualify, online services include obtaining a duplicate driver’s license or ID card, ordering a driver record and purchasing license plate stickers.

As a reminder, White has extended all driver’s license and ID card expiration dates to March 31, 2022. Commercial driver’s licenses (CDL) and CDL learner’s permits expiring on or after Nov. 1, 2021, have been extended until Jan. 31, 2022.

In addition, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security has extended the federal REAL ID deadline to May 3, 2023.

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