Dear Carbondale, I want to thank you all for your diligence in helping slow the spread of COVID-19 in our community. Our healthcare workers, public health officials, and the business community have worked together to educate us on best practices for reopening. Our businesses are following guidelines put in place by the Center for Disease Control, as well as a local set of guidelines developed by SIH Work Care, in collaboration with several Chambers of Commerce, including Carbondale's. Now that we are in Phase 4 of the Restore Illinois Plan, it is essential not to let our guard down when it comes to wearing a mask and maintaining social distance. We are excited to have non-essential businesses once again open, and restaurants seating guests indoors. The City of Carbondale encourages you to support these stores and eateries when you can, as they have suffered greatly during this pandemic. Despite the odds, we have made progress over the past few months. The City welcomed Consume Cannabis Company Carbondale, and as you drive along East Main Street, you'll notice the construction of the new Starbucks is well underway. Developers say they expect it to open in September.

Sincerely,

John “Mike” Henry
Mayor of Carbondale