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### **New Ottawa Facility Set to Open September 15**

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White announced today that the new Driver Services facility located at 4111 Progress Dr. in Ottawa will open on Tuesday, Sept. 15. The facility is approximately 3,775 square feet, which is about 1,600 square feet larger than the former facility that had been located at 404 Stevenson Rd.

“This new facility in Ottawa is conveniently located, just two miles from the former facility, and about three miles from I-80,” said White. “As our lease at the previous facility was not renewed and the owner of that space wished to move in a different direction, it was my priority to find a new location in Ottawa. This new facility is much larger than the old one and will serve Ottawa and the surrounding communities well.”

White’s office has been working with the new landlord who, as part of the 10-year lease agreement, is in charge of making necessary modifications to the building. These modifications, standard when opening a Driver Services facility at a new site, are designed to maximize the facility’s traffic flow and efficiency.

As a reminder, White has extended all expiration dates to Nov. 1, 2020, for driver’s licenses/ID cards and license plate stickers, so customers do not need to rush into Driver Services facilities, especially during hot weather. In addition, White is reminding drivers age 75 and older with valid driver’s licenses that their driver’s license expiration date has been extended by one year; the new expiration date is their birthday in 2021.

For those customers who must visit a facility, face masks are required. In addition, customers are asked to be patient due to heavy volume and to be prepared to wait outside in various types of weather. This is due to social distancing, which limits the number of people inside a facility at one time.

White continues to urge the public to consider using online services when possible. Customers may go to [www.cyberdriveillinois.com](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com) to take advantage of online services — such as renewing license plate stickers — from the comfort of their own home. People who conduct online transactions will avoid waiting in line at a facility.

Prior to the Ottawa facility opening on Sept. 15, customers are encouraged to visit the nearest Driver Services facilities, including:

- LaSalle Driver Services Facility at 536 Third St.
- Streator Driver Services Facility at 201 Dannys Dr., Ste 6
- Mendota Driver Services Facility at 108 E. 12th St.
- Morris Driver Services Facility at 425 East Route 6

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