



COVID-19 Public Health

BULLETIN ON STATUS OF COVID-19 TESTING

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Pursuant to Village of Oak Park Resolution 20-120 dated March 13, 2020, the Oak Park Village Board has declared an emergency affecting the public health due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 disease pursuant to Section 8-10-5 of the Illinois Municipal Code, 65 ILCS 5/8-10-5, and Sections 2-6-10, 2-27-9 and 20-1-6(Z) of the Village Code. Pursuant to the Resolution, the Village's Public Health Director has the authority to make "reasonable rules, regulations and orders . . . as may from time to time be deemed necessary for the preservation and improvement of the public health and for the suppression of disease."

BULLETIN

The spread of COVID-19 is a rapidly evolving situation and the intent of this BULLETIN is to share with the public basic public health information that does not require the issuance of an emergency notification through the Village's alert system that is used to notify residents when emergency situations occur, not general information. Anyone who would like to register for Village emergency alerts should go to <https://www.oak-park.us/news/covid-19-coronavirus-resources>.

THERE ARE NO PRESUMPTIVE POSITIVE TESTS IN OAK PARK

The Village of Oak Park Department of Public Health has not received any notification of presumptive positive tests for Oak Park residents or individuals in medical care in the Village.

Today the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) has notified Public Health Departments that the number of residents tested and the negative test results are no longer reportable and therefore the only notification the Oak Park Department of Public Health can make is related to presumptive positives and confirmations. To confirm, this bulletin is public notice that there are NO presumptive positive tests in Oak Park.

It is noted, that privacy precludes location information regarding individuals tested to anyone other than Public Health Officials and First Responders.

It is a crime to knowingly spread any false information or report that a person has contracted COVID-19 disease on any social media or other public platform under the Illinois Department of Public Health Act or to make a false report regarding the contraction or spread of COVID-19 to any public official under the Illinois Criminal Code.

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