



## 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>.

### **FIRST OAK PARK RESIDENT POSITIVE COVID-19 TEST**

Today, the Village of Oak Park Department of Public Health received notification that a Village resident tested positive for the COVID-19 coronavirus, the first positive case in the community. The individual was screened and tested Monday at Rush Oak Park Hospital, and the positive result confirmed today.

The Oak Park Department of Public Health was notified of the positive test as established by state and local public health protocol. The individual, an adult male in his 30s, currently is recovering at home and is in isolation. He is not affiliated with the local school system. Because of privacy laws, no additional information can be released about the individual. It is noted, that privacy precludes location information regarding individuals tested to anyone other than Public Health Officials and First Responders.

The Oak Park Department of Public Health is working closely with officials from the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), investigating and notifying anyone who may have had exposure to the individual who tested positive for COVID-19. Local public health officials, hospitals and first responders are following protocols consistent with the latest guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

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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