



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>.

OAK PARK RESIDENT POSITIVE COVID-19 TESTS

Today, the Village of Oak Park Department of Public Health received notification of six (6)** additional COVID-19 cases. To date, the State of Illinois has reported a total of thirty-six (36) total Oak Park COVID-19 cases. Today's newly reported cases range in age from 30s to 70s.

The Oak Park Department of Public Health is notified of positive tests as established by state and local public health protocol. Because of privacy laws, no additional information can be released about the individuals. 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 important to note that as patient tracking and case follow-up occurs, the number of Oak Park cases reported may change depending on residency confirmation.

SECOND VILLAGE OF OAK PARK EMPLOYEE TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

The Village is aware that a second Oak Park Police officer has tested positive for COVID-19. Pursuant to Village personnel policies, Assistant Village Manager/Human Resources Director Kira Tchang has notified employees who have had direct contact with the individual and they have been placed in quarantine status as a precaution. Pursuant to current IDPH protocols, any other individuals who had direct close contact with the Village employee would be notified through the applicable public health authority.

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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