



**COVID-19 Public Health  
ORDER - SOCIAL DISTANCING AND RELATED REQUIREMENTS  
FOR THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK FARMERS' MARKET**

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**Issued: August 16, 2021**  
**Effective Date: August 21, 2021**  
**Expiration Date: October 31, 2021**

  
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Pursuant to Village of Oak Park Resolution 20-120 dated March 13, 2020, the Oak Park Village Board 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 Oak Park Village Code through April 6, 2020. Said emergency was extended or reinstated as follows: (1) through May 5, 2020 by Village Resolution 20-124; through June 1, 2020 by Village Resolution 20-128 dated April 27, 2020; (2) reinstated on July 27, 2020 through September 14, 2020 by Village Resolution 20-184; (3) reinstated on November 2, 2020 by Village Resolution 20-232 through February 16, 2021; and (4) extended on January 19, 2021 by Village Resolution 20-43 through June 15, 2021. Pursuant to these resolutions and Section 20-1-6(BB) of the Oak Park Village Code, which was adopted by the Village Board on January 19, 2021 by Ordinance 21-8, 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 . . . due to the outbreak of COVID-19 disease in the State of Illinois" which has been extended through November 15, 2021 by Ordinance 21-47.

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1. The State of Illinois has announced that suburban Cook County, including the Village of Oak Park ("Village"), can move to Phase 5 of Governor JB Pritzker's Restore Illinois Plan in response to the outbreak of COVID-19 disease in the State of Illinois, effective June 11, 2021 due to twenty-eight (28) days of declining COVID-19 case rates.
2. The Village has experienced a 750% increase in COVID-19 cases in July 2021 as compared to June 2021. Therefore, additional mitigation measures are necessary under Phase 5 to protect the public health for the Village's Farmers' Market which operates each Saturday morning through the last Saturday in October from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Pilgrim Church Parking Lot located at 460 Lake Street, Oak Park, Illinois.
3. Nothing in this Order shall restrict my issuance of supplemental orders for the operation

of the Farmers' Market and the cessation of the Farmers' Market in part or in total if determined such an order is in the interest of the public health and safety. Given the duration of the Farmers' Market season, and the rapidly changing nature of the public health response to COVID-19 disease, this Order provides for continued strict safety measures to protect both those working or volunteering at the Farmers' Market as well as the public shopping at the Farmers' Market or visiting the Farmers' Market. Therefore, this Order will be reviewed on a regular basis to determine if any or all the requirements set forth herein remain necessary as well as to determine whether any additional requirements are necessary.

## **MARKET OPERATIONS**

4. Customers shall not touch any produce prior to its purchase.
5. Farmers' Market farmer/vendor booths must be at least six feet apart and persons occupying such booths shall to the extent possible maintain at least six feet social distancing from other persons.
6. No chef demonstration events are permitted.
7. Weekly musical entertainment is permitted subject to musical performers sitting or standing six feet apart to ensure social distancing. No singing or playing of wind instruments are permitted. Musical entertainment shall only be allowed on the yard south of the Pilgrim Church. Musical entertainment cannot occur in the alley north of the Market.
8. It is recommended that farmers' Market customers wear a cloth or face mask covering while attending the Farmers' Market or standing in line to enter the Farmers' Market if six-foot social distancing between individuals from separate households cannot be maintained.
9. Village employees, volunteers, and farmers' market farmers/vendors and their employees who work at the Farmers' Market shall:
  - A. Wear a cloth or mask face covering if in direct prolonged contact with other staff/volunteers and/or customers;
  - B. Utilize hand sanitizer available and/or wash hands frequently;
  - C. Monitor themselves to ensure that they report not feeling well prior to and during their assigned shifts as applicable.
10. Farmers/vendors and their employees who have symptoms (fever, cough, shortness of breath) are required to stay home and not report to work at the Farmers' Market. Sick employees must follow the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") steps when you are sick which can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/steps-when-sick.html>, incorporated herein by reference. Farmers/vendors and their employees shall not return to work until the criteria to discontinue home quarantine or

isolation are met as set forth in the CDC web link in consultation with their healthcare providers, the Illinois Department of Public Health and the Village of Oak Park Public Health Department.

11. The maximum number of customers in the Farmers' Market at any one-time is 390, which equals 30 persons per 1,000 square feet of open space. Farmers' Market staff must stagger the number of customers admitted to the Farmers' Market to allow for the social distancing requirements set forth above to be met. Vendors shall be responsible for limiting the number of persons at their individual booths.

### **MARKET LAYOUT**

12. All customers waiting to enter the Farmers' Market must social distance themselves from other individuals by six feet and shall line up for admission on the public sidewalk on the north side of Lake Street, west of the Market entrance, and move westerly to North Scoville Avenue, where the line will head north on the public sidewalk on the east side of North Scoville Avenue.

### **SPECIAL EVENTS**

13. Farmers' Market special event programming shall be subject to the following restrictions:
- A. Events involving singing are not permitted;
  - B. Events involving the playing of wind instruments are not permitted; and
  - C. Events involving individuals touching items that have been touched by other special event participants are not permitted.

### **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

14. Nothing contained in this Order is intended to, or shall operate to, supersede any applicable State or federal law, order or rule, and to the extent of any conflict, such State or federal law, order or rule shall be applicable.

15. If any provision of this Order or its application to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid, then the remainder of this Order, including the application of such part or provision to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect. To this end, the provisions of this Order are severable.

16. A failure to comply with this Order may result in one or all of the following: (1) a charge of Reckless Conduct pursuant to Section 12-5 of the Illinois Criminal Code, 720 ILCS 5/12-5/2, which is a Class A misdemeanor which may result in a sentence of imprisonment up to one year and/or a fine of not less than \$75 not to exceed \$2,500; (2) a charge of a violation of Sections 2(k) and/or Section 8.1 of the Illinois Public Health Act, 20 ILCS 2305/2(k) and 20 ILCS 2305/8),

which are also Class A misdemeanors; (3) a violation of Section 20-1-12 of the Oak Park Village Code which is a Class B misdemeanor which may result in a fine of \$750 for each violation; (4) the suspension or revocation of a business license or permit; (5) an order of closure of a business; or (6) a charge of a violation of any other applicable law.

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