



**March 26, 2020**

**COVID-19 Status Report  
Oak Park Village Board of Trustees**

To: Village President and Village Board of Trustees

Fr: Cara Pavlicek, Village Manager

As means to share a brief summary of information regarding Village of Oak Park operational activities in response to COVID-19. In most cases, formal public guidance or employee guidance has been publicly disseminated via the Village website or Village social media channels.

#### **New Public Health Guidance**

Oak Park Director of Public Health Mike Charley issued the following today:

- A bulletin regarding notification that the Village of Oak Park Department of Public Health received notification of five (5) additional Oak Park resident COVID-19 cases. Oak Park now has nine (9) total COVID-19 cases. Today's new cases are residents whose ages range from 20s to 60s and a child younger than age 1.

The Oak Park Department of Public Health was notified of the 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.

#### **Enforcement related to the Governor's Order**

As community spread is continuing, Public Health Director Charley is seeking the public's full cooperation with the Governor's order so that Oak Park can be part of the collective impact necessary to slow the spread of COVID-19. Additionally, enforcement of the Stay-at-Home order as it relates to the operation of essential businesses and social distancing violations is increasing.

All grocery and pharmacies open were emailed notice from the Village on 3/25 about the Public Health guidance issued by Director Charley to affirm their responsibility under the Governor's Order as an essential business to manage Social Distancing Requirements contained in Governor JB Pritzker's stay at home order effective through April 7, 2020. This includes proactive measures to ensure compliance with Social Distancing Requirements, including where possible such as designating with signage, tape, or by other means six-foot spacing for employees and customers in lines; having hand sanitizer and sanitizing products readily

available for employees and customers; implementing separate operating hours for elderly and vulnerable customers; and posting online whether a facility is open and how best to reach the facility and continue services by phone or remotely.

Additionally, Public Health staff is working on second visits to all Oak Park grocery stores and initial visits to pharmacies to evaluate compliance and provide direction on correcting violations. Public Works will additionally be delivering a barricade style sign for the entrance to many of the high volume grocery/pharmacy stores about social distancing (see attached).

Resident are reminded that they may call the Oak Park Police Non-Emergency number at 708-386-3800 to report concerns observed at essential business or in the community. This phone is answered by Community Service Officers working at the Police Lobby Front Desk.

### **Pet license renewals postponed**

The May 1 deadline to renew pet licenses has been pushed back in response to the impact the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic has had on so many routine tasks of daily life. Owners whose pets were already licensed and who had emails on file with the Village will be notified when a new deadline is set. The new deadline also will be promoted via [enews](#) and the Village [Facebook page](#) and [Twitter feed](#). Pet owners will be urged to use the online option at [www.oak-park.us/petlicenser renewal](http://www.oak-park.us/petlicenser renewal), rather than the U.S. Mail or trekking to Village Hall. First-time pet owners will be able to register pets online as well. For more information about owning a pet in Oak Park, visit [www.oak-park.us/pets](http://www.oak-park.us/pets).

### **Refuse Collection**

Due to the COVID-19 emergency, the Village's refuse hauler has suspended collection of large, bulk items such as discarded furniture & appliances that require a pink sticker. Regular refuse/recycling collection is continuing without interruption.

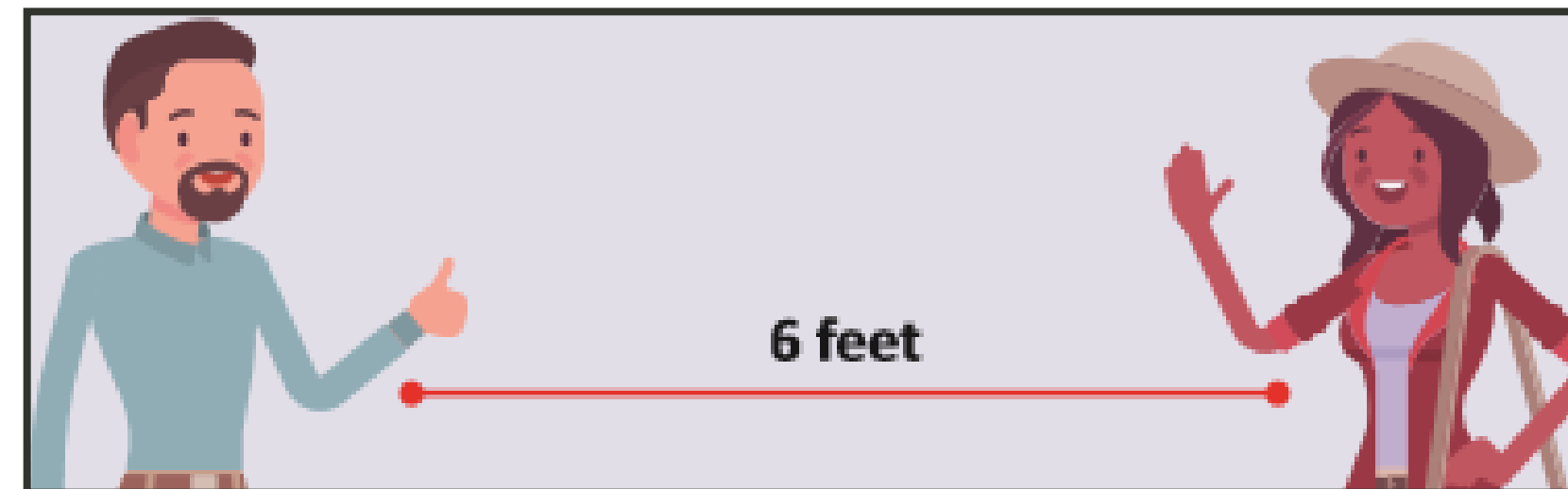
### **Updated Guidance from Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH)**

Communications staff, in support of the Public Health Department is sharing new and/or updated public health guidance issued multiple times a week by IDPH with specific groups including the oral health community, long-term care facilities, faith-based entities, providers that serve the homeless and day care centers.

# Work together to limit community spread of COVID-19

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## Observe social distancing



**Keep at least 6 feet between you and others**

**Avoid shaking hands as a social greeting**

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**Frequently wash hands  
or use hand sanitizer**

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**Be Kind** 😊