



March 27, 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:

- Today, the Village of Oak Park Department of Public Health received notification of eight (8)** additional COVID-19 cases. To date, the State of Illinois has reported a total of seventeen (17) total Oak Park COVID-19 cases. Today's newly reported cases range in age from 20s to 70s.

***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.*

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).

Village Board Meeting

On Monday, March 30, 2020, at 6 p.m. a Special Meeting of the Village Board is being conducted remotely with live audio available and optional video of the Village Officials. The meeting will be streamed live and archived online for on-demand viewing at www.oak-park.us/boardtv as well as cablecast on VOP-TV, which is available to Comcast subscribers on channel 6 and ATT Uverse subscribers on channel 99. Remote Meetings of the Oak Park Village

Board of Trustees is authorized pursuant to Section 6 of Governor J.B. Pritzker's Executive Order 2020-07.

No action will be taken by the Village Board at this meeting. This is mainly a test of our technology for remote meetings.

In order to hold a remote participation meeting that is live streamed on the Village website, and archived on the same platform as all other meetings of the Village Board, a meeting is scheduled to test the process.

The process for public comments is also being tested. For remote participation meetings, public statements for an agenda item of up to three minutes will be read into the record. Individuals are asked to email statements to publiccomment@oak-park.us to be received no later than 30 minutes prior to the start of the meeting. The Village Clerk will receive those emails. Alternatively, if email is not an option, individuals can drop written comments off at the Oak Park Payment Drop box located across from the entrance to Village Hall, 123 Madison Street, to be received no later than 5 p.m. the day of the meeting.

Additionally, the Village Board is scheduled to hold a remote participation meeting on April 6, 2020 and will be asked to consider various emergency actions as a part of that meeting. The April 6, 2020 meeting agenda and recommended actions will be available on the Village website the afternoon of April 2, 2020. Under the Executive Order of the Governor “public bodies are encouraged to postpone consideration of public business where possible.” Pursuant to this directive, advisory board and commission meetings are being postponed during the Village’s emergency response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

Oak Park Township Senior Meal Deliveries

On Thursday, 3/26 and today, 3/27 Village staff assisted the Township with delivery of senior meals in Oak Park in Village vehicles.

Additional CDBG and ESG Allocation

Increased Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding and Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) program flexibility has been approved by Congress. The Village of Oak Park as an entitlement community should learn next week the amount of additional funding allocation it will receive from the State of Illinois. CDBG Funds may be used to prevent, prepare for and respond to the coronavirus. ESG Funds may be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus among individuals and families who are homeless or receiving homeless assistance and homelessness prevention activities. Funds may be used to cover or reimburse allowable costs incurred by states/local governments to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus incurred prior to enactment of this measure.