



April 15, 2020

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

To: Village President and Village Board of Trustees

Fr: Cara Pavlicek, Village Manager

The memo is a 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

Today, the Village of Oak Park Department of Public Health received notification of the following new COVID-19 cases: 5 Oak Park residents who range in age from the 30s to 60s.

Also, Oak Park Public Health Director Mike Charley reported today the fourth death of an Oak Park resident believed to be related to the COVID-19 coronavirus. The fatality is a woman in her 80s. The woman had earlier tested positive for the virus, but the final cause of death will be determined by the Cook County Medical Examiner. Director Charley expressed his sincere condolences to the woman's friends and family for the loss of their loved one.

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).

Updated Information on Testing Sites

Public Health Director Charley has shared the following about a new COVID-19 testing site near Oak Park. As a general recommendation, individuals should contact their medical healthcare provider directly to inquire about testing options.

Walgreens is operating a COVID-19 testing facility at the former Walgreens store located at North Ave & Mobile in Chicago (where Ridgeland Ave meets North Ave). This location (as well

on one in Bolingbrook) provides Drive-Up COVID-19 testing through a self-administered nasal swab, at no-cost to the patient. The test results will be communicated to the patient quickly (1-2 days) so that individuals can contact their provider and change behaviors. Walgreens will also be reporting test outcomes to HHS and to IDPH so they are able to track as required. Individuals that are interested in getting tested should **go online to www.walgreens.com/coronavirus or www.walgreens.com/findcare**. Once online at the Walgreens site, individuals will take an online assessment and *if qualified* will be able to select a location and an appointment time. The guidelines for being tested at each of the Walgreens sites, align with HHS guidelines where **testing is being prioritized for individuals that have symptoms** and are/have:

- Healthcare worker with symptoms
- First responder with symptoms
- 65 or older with symptoms
- Those with pre-existing health condition with symptoms

Management Council

An online meeting of management council (the chief appointed official for each taxing body) was held on Tuesday April 14 to allow for ongoing dialogue amongst the organizations about coordinated efforts in response to COVID-19.

Council of Governments (COG)

The Oak Park COG held a GoToMeetings call this morning, April 15 combined with the River Forest and Forest Park COGs. The COG is the chief elected and chief appointed official from each taxing body and has allowed for important discussion around shared actions and shared information. The group continues to highlight the high level of collaboration in the shared community response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.