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COVID-19 Status Report  
Oak Park Village Board of Trustees

To: Village President and Village Board of Trustees

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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: 3 Oak Park residents who range in age from their 40s to 60s.

Excluding individuals for which street addresses are not yet determined, the State of Illinois reports a total of one hundred thirty-one (131) total Oak Park COVID-19 cases. It is important to note that as patient tracking and case follow-up occurs, individuals listed within 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).

### **Cases related to Long-Term Care and Assisted Living Facilities**

The Oak Park Public Health Department has been consistently reporting cases of residents in Oak Park senior facilities where Assisted Living or skilled nursing care is provided. The Village of Oak Park has five facilities which meet the above definitions (it is noted that some of the Long Term Care and Assisted Living facilities in Oak Park also have within their property some independent living units.) On Friday, the State of Illinois Department of Public Health began reporting on its website summary data for Long Term Care and Assisted Living. In order to improve the accessibility to this information, Director Charley is also including a chart in the daily bulletin, posted on the Village's website with the summary data, by facility and including positive tests results for residents, resident fatalities and employee positives (which may not be an Oak Park resident). I will include the chart in this report as well.

<b>Facility Name</b>	<b># of Resident Cases</b>	<b># of Resident Deaths</b>	<b># of Staff Cases</b>
Belmont Village of Oak Park	1	0	2
Berkeley Nursing & Rehabilitation Center	1	1	0
Brookdale Oak Park	5	1	3
Oak Park Arms	0	0	0
Oasis of Oak Park	11	0	0

When there is a single resident case or at least two employee cases, the Oak Park Public Health Department has issued the facility a Public Health Order to take specific steps that comply with Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance for protection of the health of facility’s residents and its employees. Failure to comply with the public health order is a Class A misdemeanor under state law, which carries a maximum penalty of a year in jail and a \$2,500 fine. In addition, the facility could lose its license and face civil liability. In addition, staff is working closely with each facility to manage compliance with the Order.

Upon appointment of Interim Deputy Fire Chief Joseph Terry on March 13, 2020 he was assigned to support the Public Health Response to COVID-19 and focus on the Village’s senior housing facilities. In addition to those listed above, the Village is also home to four independent living senior facilities – which are essentially apartment buildings that have age restrictions (and some income restrictions) in order to become a resident in the facility. Independent living facilities are not licensed by the State of Illinois and therefore not contained in the new IDPH reporting. Oak Park’s Public Health Department is working with the management the four independent living facilities (Ryan Farrelly Apartments, Heritage House, The Oaks and Mills Park Tower) to provide public health guidance and resources.

### **Oak Park Homeless Coalition**

The Oak Park Homeless Coalition, a multi-stakeholder group comprised of 50-plus organizations working to end homelessness in Oak Park will be meeting on Thursday, April 23, 2020. The remote participation meeting will include representatives from the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless and Housing Action Illinois who will provide state and federal updates on COVID-19 resources and initiatives. Housing Forward is reporting an increase in services of approximately 30% for both people experiencing homelessness and requests for homeless prevention services such as rental assistance. Development Customer Services staff will be a part of the call.

### **IDPH COVID-19 Crisis Grant**

The Village will be applying for a newly available IDPH COVID-19 Crisis Grant. The Grant will cover expenses related to the Public Health Department’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Grant application is made by the Public Health Department and covers the period from March, 16 2020 through March, 15 2021 and the funding available to the Village is \$49,820.