



April 24, 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 2 new Oak Park residents cases which range in age from the 70s to 80s.

Excluding individuals for which street addresses are not yet determined, the State of Illinois reports a total of one-hundred forty-six (146) 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).

New Public Health Guidance – Cloth Face Coverings

In advance the May 1st State requirement for the use of cloth face coverings in public, Oak Park Public Health Director Mike Charley has issued guidance today that he is recommending residents begin this practice now and in advance of the State's mandate. Director Charley stopped short of a mandatory order and reminded the public that the use of face coverings does not supplant or diminish the need for all residents, employees and workers in Oak Park and all visitors to Oak Park to practice social and physical distancing in all settings and individuals who are feeling sick need to stay home.

The Village additionally asks each resident to be mindful of the how information and rhetoric about the pandemic may contribute to biases against specific groups based upon race or other identifying features. Everyone is reminded that the use of cloth face coverings is being done by individuals in our community to keep themselves and their families safe and healthy. Remember to be kind to everyone during these unprecedented times.

Residents of Oak Park in need of a cloth face covering may go the Oak Park Police Station lobby beginning Saturday, April 25, 2020. Subject to proof of Oak Park residency a mask will provided and is limited at this time to one per person, due to limited supplies. The Village is working with local partners to increase availability.

The Village is grateful to the Park District of Oak Park and its “sewing” volunteers for providing the current supply being made available to individuals in need.

New Public Health Guidance – Special Events

In support of continued efforts to reduce the community spread of COVID-19, Oak Park Public Health Director Mike Charley issued a Public Health Order today prohibiting all Special Events and public gatherings of ten (10) or more persons scheduled for the months of May and June 2020. The Order identifies “special events” as defined in Section 30-1-1 of the Oak Park Village Code including: gatherings or assemblies that are conducted entirely or partially on public property at a specified location for activities such as, but not limited to, markets, ceremonies, celebrations, shows, festivals, exhibitions, pageants, circuses, entertainment, theatrical productions, sidewalk sales, sporting events, games or similar activity. The order also prohibits in May and June organized, nonpermanent, public gathering or assembly on public property and private property and including but not limited to ceremonies, celebrations, shows, festivals, exhibitions, pageants, circuses, musical concerts, and theatrical productions, sidewalk sales, sporting events, competitions or games in public parks.

Director Charley noted that for indoor events/gatherings, such as school events, faith-based events and similar events, planned for June 2020 would be issued at a later date (as the Governor’s pending extension of the Stay Home order will address May events). Finally, Director Charley noted that he encourages any special events that that are scheduled to occur in July 2020 to be canceled or postponed. Assistant Village Manager/Human Resources Director Kira Tchang is communicating and working with all Special Event Permit Holders from 2019 and 2020 regarding this information.

Cases related to Long-Term Care and Assisted Living Facilities

Public Health Director Charley reported cases remain unchanged today in Long-Term Care and Assisted Living Facilities.

Facility Name	# of Resident Cases	# of Resident Deaths	# of Staff Cases
Belmont Village of Oak Park	1	0	2
Berkeley Nursing & Rehabilitation Center	1	1	0
Brookdale Oak Park	5	1	5
Oak Park Arms	1	0	0
Oasis of Oak Park	13	3	0

Village Hall to Remain Closed to Public

Today, the Village communicated with employees who have been working from home or classified non-essential that all Village facilities, except for the Police lobby, will remain closed to the public through May 30th in accordance with Governor Pritzker's Stay At Home Order. Additionally, during the next 30 days as the Village continues its Public Health response as well as increases the delivery of public services remotely, we will need to assign additional staff to essentials rolls in the Village organization. We are continuing to update policies and make changes to the physical workspace in preparation for employees to return to the workplace.

Day in Our Village Cancelled for 2020

A Day in Our Village will not be held in Oak Park this year as the Village continues to take necessary steps to limiting gatherings which could cause community spread of COVID-19. The event is celebrated by thousands of people coming together in Scoville Park on the first Sunday of June every year.