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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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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

Today, the Village of Oak Park Department of Public Health received notification of the following new COVID-19 cases:

6 Oak Park residents

The above newly reported Oak Park cases range in age from the 40s to 80s.

Excluding individuals for which street addresses are not yet determined, the State of Illinois reports a total of eighty-one (81) 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.

Also, Oak Park Public Health Director Mike Charley today announced the death of a second Oak Park resident believed to be related the COVID-19 coronavirus. The individual was a man in his 50s. The official cause of death will be determined by the Cook County Medical Examiner. The Village organization expresses its condolences to the man's friends and family.

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).

Senior Housing Case

Oak Park Public Health Director Mike Charley reported today one new positive COVID-19 cases at the Oak Park Oasis, 625 North Harlem Avenue, Oak Park (the new case is hospitalized). This

brings the total to five cases originating at the Oasis - a retirement and assisted living facility. Staff and the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) continue to work with and support the Oasis. The Oasis continues to follow a number of important protocols including screening the temperature of all facility employees, all deliveries to the facility are conducted outside and delivery personnel may not enter the facility. Visitors and gatherings of residents at the facility continue to be prohibited.

Village Employee Tests Positive

Today, the Village received notification that a third Oak Park Police officer has tested positive for COVID-19. According to the Public Health Director, the employee chose to self-quarantine upon exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 and has remained out of the workplace since late-March. Pursuant to Village personnel policies, an organizational notice was issued and it is noted that there were no contacts with staff or the public that required notice of quarantine. Because of privacy laws, no additional information can be released. The Village continues to evaluate safety measures for all staff and continues enhanced cleaning protocols. All of our first responders have employee temperature screenings before working as an additional precautionary measure.

Council of Governments (COG)

The Oak Park COG held a GoToMeetings call yesterday, April 8th combined with the River Forest and Forest Park COGs. River Forest noted that the Memorial Day Parade will not be held this year. 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.

Small Business Program

OPEDC and the OPRF Chamber of Commerce are partnering on a webinar series to educate small business owners on financial programs and resources that are available in response to COVID-19. The series will cover Federal, State, local and private sector programs, and provide advice and guidance on how and when to apply. Representatives from the SBA, DCEO, and the Women's Business Development Center will join the webinars to discuss the programs sponsored by their organizations. Sign up and additional information is available through the OPRF Chamber of Commerce at www.oprfchamber.org/events.