



May 19, 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: 6 Oak Park residents that range in age from their 20s to 50s.

Excluding individuals for which street addresses are not yet determined, the State of Illinois reports a total of two-hundred and fifty-five (255) 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).

Public Health Director Mike Charley has also issued a new Public Health Orders which extends through May 29, 2020 the prohibition against using Sport Courts.

Cases related to Long-Term Care and Assisted Living Facilities

Today Oak Park Public Health Director Mike Charley reported today the eighteenth death of an Oak Park resident believed to be related to the COVID-19 coronavirus. The fatality was man in is 60s that had been a resident of Oasis, 625 N. Harlem. This is the eighteenth death of an Oak Park resident associated with the pandemic. The Village expresses sincere condolences to the resident’s friends and family.

Facility Name	# of Resident Cases	# of Resident Deaths	# of Staff Cases
Belmont Village of Oak Park	2	1	3
Berkeley Nursing & Rehab Center	3	1	1
Brookdale Oak Park	5	1	7

Oak Park Arms	6	1	3
Oasis of Oak Park	20	10	5

Village Employee Tests Positive

Today, the Village received notification that a Village employee has tested positive for COVID-19. This is the sixth Village employee. In compliance with the Village’s safety protocols and provisions already in place for COVID-19 positive diagnoses in the workforce, this employee and any other employees who have had direct close contact with this individual, have been notified and placed in quarantine status. The Village has initiated cleaning protocols for any and all spaces identified as higher risk. This employee is a sworn officer working in the Police Department. Because of privacy laws, no additional information can be released.

ComEd CARE Program

Residents are reminded that ComEd continues to offer a range of financial assistance options during the COVID-19 national emergency. ComEd previously suspended service disconnections for customers who cannot pay, as well as waiving new late payment charges, through at least June 1, 2020. For information on LIHEAP visit LIHEAPillinois.com or call 877-411-9276. The following summaries of additional programs are also noted:

- **CHAMP (ComEd Helps Active/Disabled Military Personnel)**
 ComEd offers a benefit package to assist eligible active duty members of the U.S. Armed Forces, National Guard, Reserves and veterans who have fallen behind on their energy bill. Eligible customers may receive a grant up to \$1,000 towards their ComEd bill, as well as benefits such as deposit reduction and/or cancellation of late payment charges, if applicable.
- **ComEd’s Residential Special Hardship**
 This program assists residential customers, who have a household income up to 250 percent of the federal poverty level, with a past-due balance and demonstrates a financial hardship. Eligible customers may receive a grant of up to \$500 once every two years, to be applied to their ComEd bill.
- **ComEd’s Non-Residential Special Hardship**
 This program assists nonprofit organizations, including faith-based organizations, who are experiencing a financial hardship. Eligible organizations are required to complete an energy-management workshop or webinar and may receive up to \$2,000 toward their ComEd bill.
- **ComEd’s H.E.A.L. (Hospital-Based Energy Assistance & Long-term Health) Program**
 This program offers electric bill assistance up to \$500 to the households of extended stay and/or outpatient care patients who are income-eligible or have experienced hardship. This program’s streamlined application process uses hospital staff to identify patients existing income verification and hardship reasons to prevent them from having to visit their local administration agencies to apply for assistance after an extended hospital stay.