



June 17, 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. *This report is provided Monday thru Friday.*

**New Public Health Guidance**

Today, the Village of Oak Park Department of Public Health received notification of two new cases of residents testing positive for COVID-19 that range in age from 30s - 70s.

Excluding individuals for which street addresses are not yet determined, the State of Illinois reports a total of three-hundred and fifteen (315) 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.) That data is reported daily in the chart below which remains unchanged today.

Additionally, Oak Park has reported on cases in its Independent Senior Living facilities, which function more like an apartment building, but limit access to individual by age and in some cases age and income. These Senior Buildings are not included in the chart. Today, Public Health Director Charley has report a new positive case (the eight) at the Heritage House, 201 Lake Street

the facilities first cast was reported on April 18, 2020. The Public Health Director is consulting with the property manager on this matter.

Facility Name	# of Resident Cases	# of Resident Deaths	# of Staff Cases
Belmont Village of Oak Park	2	2	4
Berkeley Nursing & Rehab Center	3	3	1
Brookdale Oak Park	7	1	7
Oak Park Arms	6	1	3
Oasis of Oak Park	23	10	6

#### Phase 4 Preparations

Public Health Director Mike Charley announced that the State of Illinois has communicated that all regions of the State, including Oak Park are in position to move to Phase 4 of the Restore Illinois Plan on Friday, June 26, 2020.

Moving to Phase 4 will allow more activity at Oak Park businesses. Director Charley has shared via email with all Oak Park business license holders the anticipated move to Phase 4 and affirmed that it is the mission of the Village is to get people back to work with as much normalcy as possible without jeopardizing the health and safety of Oak Park residents, visitors and employees. Additionally, Director Charley shared what is known today regarding the State’s Restore Illinois plan and the changes anticipated when moving to Phase 4:

- **Bars and Restaurants:** May open for indoor seating with state-specific capacity limits & IDPH approved safety guidance\*.
- **Cinema and Theaters:** May open following IDPH approved safety guidance\*.
- **Childcare:** DCFS licensed childcare facilities can remain open while following DCFS and Illinois State safety guidance\*.
- **Health Clubs:** Health clubs, gyms, and fitness studios will be allowed to reopen following IDPH approved safety guidance\*.
- **Retail:** And all retail stores can remain open to in-person shopping with state-specific capacity limits & IDPH approved safety guidance\*.
- **Personal Care Services** Personal care services, like nail salons, tattoo shops, hair braiders, spas and barbershops, can remain open with IDPH approved safety guidance\*.
- **Manufacturing:** All manufacturing can remain open with IDPH approved safety guidance\*.
- **“Non-essential” businesses:** Same as phase 3. Employees of “non-essential” businesses are allowed to return to work with IDPH approved safety guidance. Employers are encouraged to provide accommodations for COVID-19-vulnerable employees.
- **Gatherings:** Gatherings of 50 or fewer will be allowed, but are subject to change based on latest data and Illinois-state guidance.
- **Outdoor Recreation:** All outdoor recreation will be allowed.

\*Prior to June 26, the [Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity](#) (IDCE) will be releasing COVID-19 Restore Illinois phase 4 Guidelines for different types of workplaces/business

that should help answer specific questions workplaces and businesses have regarding the transition from Phase 3 to Phase 4 of Restore Illinois. The Village will share information and State links to the information when it is released by the State.

Director Charley notes that the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (IDCE) COVID-19 Phase 4 Guidelines will address:

- **General health requirements:** Employers must have plans for social distancing, working from home, handwashing.
- **HR & travel policies:** All employees must complete health & safety training related to COVID-19 prior to returning to work. Limiting all essential travel.
- **Health monitoring:** Employers should conduct temperature screenings and follow state guidance regarding sick employees.
- **Physical workplace:** Social distancing signage, proper space configuration of employees, removing shared items, providing hand sanitizer and environmental cleaning.
- **Customer behaviors:** For some businesses, reservations will be required, cloth face coverings required, customers that are COVID-19 symptomatic cannot be allowed entry, maintain social distancing.
- **Capacity limits:** For specific business types, the State will specify capacity limits based on occupancy and/or square footage.