



October 6, 2021

**COVID-19 Status Report  
Oak Park Village Board of Trustees**

To: Village President and Village Board of Trustees

Fr: Lisa Shelley, Interim Village Manager

The memo is a weekly status report presented Wednesdays and provides a brief summary of information regarding Village of Oak Park operational activities in response to COVID-19.

This week’s memo will be abbreviated as the Oak Park Department of Public Health is currently investigating four community outbreaks and thus unable to complete a full report.

**New COVID-19 Cases**

The Village of Oak Park Department of Public Health received official notification of the following COVID-19 cases.

<u>Date</u>	<u># of Cases</u>
Cases week of September 29- October 5	44
Cases week of September 22- September 28	54
Cases week of September 15- September 21	60
Cases week of September 8- September 14	61

Community transmission of Covid-19 is broken down into four categories based on the Covid-19 rates per 100,000 people.

**TABLE. CDC core indicators of and thresholds for community transmission levels of SARS-CoV-2** [Return](#)

Indicator	Transmission level			
	Low	Moderate	Substantial	High
New cases per 100,000 persons in the past 7 days*	0-9.99	10.00-49.99	50.00-99.99	≥100.00

Based on the positives cases reported to the Village of Oak Park, our current weekly COVID-19 rate of 80 cases per 100,000 places us in substantial community transmission range for the second week in a row. Our weekly case totals are declining, a trend we hope will continue.

These numbers do not reflect those who tested positive using at home self-administered test. At-home test must be confirmed at an official testing site (pharmacy, physician office, health department, school, etc) so that information can be transferred to the health department. Official

test results are used to track the amount of virus in the community and release people who test positive from isolation. The health department cannot provide any resident with a release from isolation without an official notification of their COVID-19 positive status.

Excluding individuals for which street addresses are not yet determined, the State of Illinois reports a total of three thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight (3788) Oak Park COVID-19 cases. *It is important to note that as patient tracking and case follow-up occurs, 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 individuals 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).

The Oak Park Department of Public Health is sad to report the death of two of our residents who tested positive for COVID-19, one was a 73-year-old female, and the other was a 76-year-old male. The Public Health Director extends condolences to these families.

### **Oak Park Residents Vaccinated through October 6, 2021**

Updated September 29, 2021, provisional data released by IDPH at <https://www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19/vaccination-zip-code> show that there have been 40,086 Oak Park residents vaccinated with the first dose and 37,680 with both doses which reflects a rate of 74% and 69% respectively.

Additionally, all residents are reminded that if you have already had COVID-19 and recovered, ***you should get vaccinated!*** Experts do not yet know how long you are protected from getting sick again after recovering from COVID-19. Even if you have already recovered from COVID-19, it is possible—although rare—that you could be infected with the virus that causes COVID-19 again. Learn more about [why getting vaccinated is a safer way to build protection](#) than getting infected.

If you were treated for COVID-19 with monoclonal antibodies or convalescent plasma, you should wait 90 days before getting a COVID-19 vaccine. Talk to your doctor if you are unsure what treatments you received or if you have more questions about getting a COVID-19 vaccine.