



March 25, 2020

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

To: Village President and Village Board of Trustees

Fr: Cara Pavlicek, Village Manager

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**

Oak Park Director of Public Health Mike Charley issued the following today:

- Today, the Village of Oak Park Department of Public Health received notification that a fourth Village resident tested positive for the COVID-19 coronavirus. The individual was screened and tested Wednesday March 18 and the positive result confirmed today.

The Oak Park Department of Public Health was notified of the positive test as established by state and local public health protocol. The individual, is an adult female in her 20s. Because of privacy laws, no additional information can be released about the individual. It is noted, that privacy precludes location information regarding individuals tested to anyone other than Public Health Officials and First Responders.

- Guidance for stores that sell groceries and medicine was issued to affirm for this group of businesses their responsibility to manage Social Distancing Requirements contained in Governor JB Pritzker's stay at home order effective through April 7, 2020. This includes proactive measures to ensure compliance with Social Distancing Requirements, including where possible such as designating with signage, tape, or by other means six-foot spacing for employees and customers in lines; having hand sanitizer and sanitizing products readily available for employees and customers; implementing separate operating hours for elderly and vulnerable customers; and posting online whether a facility is open and how best to reach the facility and continue services by phone or remotely.

Oak Park Public Health Staff will be inspecting stores that sell groceries and medicine to determine whether operations are in compliance with the Governor's Order.

- A Supplemental Order for Public Sports Courts and certain other prohibited activities was issued to affirm that gatherings for sports in public areas that is at public parks or outdoor recreation areas are prohibited in order to protect the public from the spread of COVID-19 disease because such activities could entail or promote non-compliance with the social distancing requirements set forth in Governor Pritzker's Order.

Both the guidance and order were done in order to appeal to the public and essential businesses in the community regarding the important responsibility we all have to ensure our community is working together to limit community spread of COVID-19. The Public Health Department is concerned that without full cooperation with the Governor's order we may not achieve the necessary impact to slow the spread and therefore, the guidance and order have been issued to assist as we move towards more robust conversations when violations are encountered.

### **Council of Governments (COG)**

The Oak Park COG held a GoToMeetings call today combined with the River Forest and Forest Park COGs. 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.