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**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 of four (4)** additional COVID-19 cases. To date, the State of Illinois has reported a total of twenty one (21) total Oak Park COVID-19 cases. Today's newly reported cases range in age from 30s to 60s.

***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 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).

Staffing Announcements

Commander Don Silva has been assigned to work directly with Public Health staff and Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Gaurav Gaonkar. In February of 2019, the Village Board honored his service as a Major in the Illinois National Guard following his return at that time from seven months of active duty service in Afghanistan. This assignment is consistent with ongoing establishment of redundancy in key public health roles and expansion of the Village's public health response to COVID-19.

It is also noted that Sergeant Promotional testing was completed in late February by the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners. On Friday, Police Officers Schonella Stewart and John Nikischer were sworn in via remote participation as Sergeants. Both promotions filled vacancies that had been created by prior internal promotions to the rank of Police Commander.

Federal and State Financial Assistance to Municipalities

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act only provides direct aid to local governments in excess of 500,000 in population. The Illinois Municipal League is requesting that Governor JB Pritzker direct state aid received under the CARES Act to all municipalities based on a per-capita distribution.

On March 26, President Trump declared Illinois a major disaster area. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance applications are being processed. The Village's Emergency Preparedness Coordinator and CFO are coordinating the application and necessary submittals.