



**March 29, 2020**

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

To: Village President and Village Board of Trustees

Fr: Lisa Shelley, Deputy 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 five (5)\*\* additional COVID-19 cases. To date, the State of Illinois has reported a total of twenty-six (26) total Oak Park COVID-19 cases. Today's newly reported cases range in age from 30s to 70s.

*\*\*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).

**COVID Business Concern**

After public complaints and prior warnings from the Police Department, the Public Health Director issued a Cease and Desist Notice today, March 29<sup>th</sup>, for the recreational sales portion of the business at MedMen Chicago, 1132 Lake Street. The business was not able to maintain social distancing both inside and outside the store. The Cease and Desist Notice is in effect for 24 hours at which time the business needs to provide the Public Health Director a plan for compliance. The medical portion of their sales continues.

### **Lake Street Construction Activities**

As noted in earlier reports, contractors for the State and Village are able to continue work on water/sewer mains on Lake Street approximately halfway between Oak Park Ave & Euclid Ave at this time. Due to business closures and extremely light traffic as a result of the shelter in place order we have the opportunity to expedite the water & sewer work and Public Works had finalized preparation with the Contractor and Utility companies for a full closure of the Lake & Oak Park intersection to compress the work here from 3.5 weeks to 10-14 days. Full intersection closure allows multiple crews to work in the intersection at one time along with ATT. Work will start as early as Tuesday or Wednesday this coming week (March 31 or April 1), weather permitting.

The Village Engineer is also working with Pace on alternate routes for their buses. Communications to the business district and public about the full closure will begin as early as March 30 and includes electronic message signs in the street and custom signage informing people about businesses being open for curbside pickup/etc. in the last block of the closure.

The full road closures would be one (1) block in each direction from the Lake and Oak Park Avenue intersection but will allow local traffic into that last block to access the buildings, bank, and parking lot west of the intersection; the alley east of the intersection, and businesses north & south of the intersection. A few parking spots will be removed on Kenilworth by Lake Street and by North Blvd to facilitate turning movements as well as some metered parking close to the Lake & Oak Park Ave intersection also to allow for any turning around movements.