



April 3, 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 of eight (8)** additional COVID-19 cases. To date, the State of Illinois has reported a total of fifty-nine (59) total Oak Park COVID-19 cases (it is noted one of the cases reported yesterday turned out not to be a resident). Today's newly reported cases range in age from 30s to 70s.

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).

- A Supplemental Order for stores that sell groceries was issued today and will be effective tomorrow at noon to improve the compliance with social distancing for shoppers and employees. Example of new requirement are limits on the total customers allowed in a store at any one time (which varies by store related to their size) and more controls on the flow of shoppers through stores by use of one-way aisles to reduce the frequency of customers crossing paths. Additionally, stores must place shield guards in front of cashiers and/or baggers that may not have the ability to meet the social distancing requirements when serving customers. Stores received information today from Public Health Staff along with two laminated Customer Occupancy signs that are required to be posted in a location that is easily visible from the exterior of the store. Also, establishments were advised on how to safely structure lines of customers as to not impede vehicle or pedestrian traffic.

Stores managers were receptive to the requirements. The stores which received the notice today included:

CARNIVAL GROCERY - 824 S OAK PARK AVE
JEWEL FOOD STORE - 438 Madison St
PETE'S FRESH MARKET - 259 Lake St
Target & CVS PHARMACY # - 1129 Lake St
TRADER JOE'S - 483 N Harlem Ave
JEWEL FOOD STORES - 7036 Roosevelt Rd
SUGAR BEET FOOD CO-OP - 812 MADISON
Dollar Tree - 922 Madison St.
Dollar Tree - 6405 North Ave.

Transfer Stamps

As an update, the Finance Department has been selling real estate transfer stamps by appointment only since March 16. During this short time, there have been approximately 120 transactions. The process for purchasing transfer stamps is being done primarily electronically followed by final meter reads and an appointment for the final issuance of stamps which is completed with the customer limited to the vestibule at Village Hall with social distancing practices being maintained.

FEMA Public Assistance

On March 24, the Village submitted a Request for Public Assistance (PA) to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) which started the process of securing grant funding for COVID-19 related expenses. In addition, on March 30, staff mailed to the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) completed and signed copies of the PA Grant Agreement, PA Risk Assessment, and PA Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency (FFATA) certification forms. The next steps in the process will involve an Exploratory Call, Recovery Scoping Meeting, and the preparation of Project Worksheets to request reimbursement.

It is noted that with the multiple funding streams currently being allocated at the Federal and State levels, the Village does not yet have clarity on what Public Assistance funds will cover and what other assistance will be made available at the municipal level and how to apply for those funds. Once IEMA/FEMA provide further guidance an update will be provided.