



May 6, 2020

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

To: Village President and Village Board of Trustees

Fr: Cara Pavlicek, Village Manager

The memo is a 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

Today, the Village of Oak Park Department of Public Health received notification of the following new COVID-19 cases: 4 Oak Park residents who age range from 20s to 40s.

Excluding individuals for which street addresses are not yet determined, the State of Illinois reports a total of one-hundred ninety-five (195) total Oak Park COVID-19 cases. It is important to note that as patient tracking and case follow-up occurs, individuals listed within the number of Oak Park cases reported may change depending on residency confirmation.

Also, Oak Park Public Health Director Mike Charley reported today the twelfth and thirteenth deaths of Oak Park residents believed to be related to the COVID-19 coronavirus. The fatalities were both female and in their 50s. One woman was a resident of the Oasis at 626 N. Harlem. Both residents had earlier tested positive for the virus, but the final cause of death will be determined by the Cook County Medical Examiner. Director Charley expressed his sincere condolences to the women’s friends and families for the loss of their loved ones.

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).

Cases related to Long-Term Care and Assisted Living Facilities

Public Health Director Charley reported the following cases for residents today in Long-Term Care and Assisted Living Facilities.

Facility Name	# of Resident Cases	# of Resident Deaths	# of Staff Cases
Belmont Village of Oak Park	2	0	4
Berkeley Nursing & Rehab Center	1	1	1

Brookdale Oak Park	5	1	5
Oak Park Arms	5	0	3
Oasis of Oak Park	19	7	2

Restore Illinois

Yesterday, Governor JB Pritzker announced the creation of his "Restore Illinois" plan available at <http://dph.illinois.gov/covid19> which is a five-phase plan to safely reopen the state's economy. As of May 1, the entire state is in Phase 2 (flattening). Oak Park is in Region 8 and part of the larger Northeast Regions 7-11 for purposes of tracking public health data and reaching benchmarks which would allow for a transition from the current Phase 2 classification into a Phase 3 classification of "recovery" which would allow for re-opening to the public of additional employment and service industries identified by the State. Oak Park's Region 8 designation is consistent with Oak Park's existing Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Region 8 where Loyola University Medical Center's Dr. Cichon is the Medical Director for all Village of Oak Park Firefighter/Paramedics.

Further, these Regions align with the Illinois Healthcare Coalitions where Illinois hospitals historically have collaborated to improve emergency preparedness. Through regional healthcare coalitions, hospitals can work together to prepare for, respond to and recover from incidents. The healthcare coalition's primary function is to engage in emergency preparedness activities. Each coalition is led by an individual healthcare organization or the Regional Hospital Coordinating Center (RHCC). Loyola is the RHCC for Region 8 and it is their role to:

- Coordinates coalition partners;
- Acts as a liaison between the Illinois Department of Public Health and local partners;
- Provides situational awareness; and
- Shares information and resources.

Management Council

An online meeting of management council (the chief appointed official for each taxing body) was held on Tuesday, May 5 and continues to be an important opportunity for dialogue and planning amongst the organizations about coordinated efforts in response to COVID-19.

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.

Public Service Recognition Week

This is Public Service Recognition Week, which has been celebrated the first week of May since 1985 to honor federal, state, county and local government employees.

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, the role of municipal employees in maintaining local government services is more apparent than ever. Even with all Village of Oak Park municipal

government facilities except the Police Department lobby are closed to the public through May, Village employees continues to provide a high level of service for the community during these difficult times.

Police officers and firefighter/paramedics are on duty. Public Health is at work. Key Public Works Department workers who provide essential service also remain on duty along with essential administrative support staff. Other employees whose functions promote public safety are working on a case-by-case basis, and many Village employees continue to work remotely.

Behind this all, is the Village's management team who continue works within a virtual Emergency Operations Center (EOC) that is the backbone of information management, decision-making, and resource allocation and serves to gather and process all of the information required to plan for and respond – quickly and effectively – to this pandemic emergency. Thank you to all Village of Oak Park employees for their dedication and commitment to public service. You are appreciated. For some very nice public comments, visit the Village on [Facebook](#).