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COVID-19 Status Report  
Oak Park Village Board of Trustees

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For: Village President and Village Board of Trustees

The memo is a status report presented Fridays and provides a brief summary of information regarding Village of Oak Park operational activities in response to COVID-19. This memo concludes the COVID-19 Status Report series. The release of these reports will not continue as a result of the termination of the Federal COVID-19 Public Health Emergency on May 11, 2023.

### **New COVID-19 Cases**

The Village of Oak Park Department of Public Health received official notification of 19 COVID-19 cases from May 3 – May 10, 2023. This is a 18.8% increase over the last 7-day period and a 36.7% decrease over the cases 30 days ago.

These numbers do not reflect those who tested positive using at home self-administered test. At-home test must be confirmed at an official testing site (pharmacy, physician office, health department, school, etc.) in order to be included in the official state count.

### **COVID-19 Community Levels**

On February 25, 2022, the CDC introduced COVID-19 Community Levels of low, medium, and high. COVID-19 Community Levels help individuals and communities decide which prevention actions to take based on the latest information. Each level helps convey how much COVID-19 is impacting our community using data on hospitalizations and cases. For each level, CDC recommends actions you can take to help you protect yourself and others from severe impacts of COVID-19.

Oak Park is in the **low** level this week, as defined by less than 200 new cases per 100,000 (we have 35) or new COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population less than 10 (we have 2). Cook County is in low community level this week.

As Oak Park remains in the low community level, the Public Health Department wants to remind people of CDC's precautions which include:

- Stay up-to-date with COVID-19 vaccines
- Get tested if you have symptoms

- Take additional precautions if you, anyone in your household, or people you work with/serve are at high-risk for severe illness

Additional guidance from the Public Health Department includes that individuals:

- Stay at home when sick
- Test at the first sign of illness (even if you think it may be allergies)
- Isolate for a minimum of five days if you test positive and wear a high-quality mask if you reenter society prior to 10 days post infection
- Consider using a rapid antigen test before ending isolation, as many people remain infectious post their five-day isolation period.

The Public Health Department has issued new guidance to aid our residents who have tested positive. Please see the COVID-19 guidance and order page for more information.

If you are a close contact, wear a high-quality mask for 10 days and get tested on Day 5, regardless of vaccination status.

As weather allows, consider hosting events outdoors and asking guests to test prior to arriving. To aid residents in adhering to this guidance, the health department can provide high quality masks and rapid antigen at-home test; email [health@oak-park.us](mailto:health@oak-park.us) if you would like one.

The Public Health Department mobile response van will also be in the community most Mondays- Wednesday to provide free COVID PCR and rapid test.

CDC’s recommendations on individual, household, and community level prevention strategies:

COVID-19 Community Level	Individual- and household-level prevention behaviors	Community-level prevention strategies (as recommended by state or local authorities)
<b>Low</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines and boosters</li> <li>• Maintain improved ventilation throughout indoor spaces when possible</li> <li>• Follow CDC recommendations for isolation and after exposures, including getting tested if you are exposed to COVID-19 or have symptoms of COVID-19</li> <li>• If you are immunocompromised or high risk for severe disease</li> <li>• Have a plan for rapid testing if needed (e.g., having home tests or access to testing)</li> <li>• Talk to your healthcare provider about whether you are a candidate for treatments like oral antivirals, PrEP, and monoclonal antibodies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Distribute and administer vaccines to achieve high community vaccination coverage and ensure health equity</li> <li>• Maintain improved ventilation in public indoor spaces</li> <li>• Ensure access to testing, including through point-of-care and at-home tests for all people               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Communicate with organizations and places that serve people who are immunocompromised or at high risk for severe disease to ensure they know how to get rapid testing</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Ensure access and equity in vaccination, testing, treatment, community outreach, support services for disproportionately affected populations</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup>At all levels, people can wear a mask based on personal preference, informed by personal level of risk. People with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 should wear a mask.

## Deaths

There were 0 reported deaths to residents from COVID-19 in the community for this time period.

## Oak Park Residents Vaccinated

Oak Park reports 92% of residents receiving their first dose and 82% completing their primary vaccination series as of May 10, 2023.

On March 30, 2022, the CDC approved an additional (bivalent) booster for certain populations:

- Everyone 50 and older
- Age 12 and older who are moderately or severely immunocompromised
- Age 18-49 who received a J&J vaccine and a J&J booster

On October 12, 2022, the CDC approved an additional (bivalent) booster for children ages 5-11.

On December 9, 2022, the CDC approved the bivalent booster for children ages 6 months- 4 years.

On April 19, 2023, the CDC approved a second bivalent booster for adults ages 65 years and older and immunocompromised adults.

Everyone, except for those immunocompromised, must be at least four months post their initial booster to qualify.

The Public Health Department will re-open their vaccination clinics as of May 16. Please visit [www.oak-park.us/vaccines](http://www.oak-park.us/vaccines) for times and locations.

## Age Range Data

For the week of May 3, – May 10, 2023, Oak Park residents who tested positive for COVID-19 ranged in age from infancy to 85 years.

Age Range	Cases May 3-May 10	% of Cases May 3-May 10
0-4	1	5.3%
5-13	4	21.1%
14-19	0	0.0%
20-29	1	5.3%
30-39	2	10.5%
40-49	2	10.5%
50-59	3	15.8%

60-69	1	5.3%
70-79	2	10.5%
80-89	3	15.8%
90-99	0	0.0%
Total	19	