



April 16, 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:

6 Oak Park residents with ages ranging from the 30s to 70s.

Excluding individuals for which street addresses are not yet determined, the State of Illinois reports a total of one-hundred twenty (120) 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.

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 Employees in Local Nursing Home

Oak Park Public Health Director Mike Charley reported that two employees of a local retirement and assisted living facility have tested positive for the COVID-19 coronavirus. Belmont Village, 1035 Madison St, Oak Park, Illinois, an assisted living and memory care facility operated by Belmont Village Oak Park, L.L.C. ("Belmont Village"), has been order to take specific steps that comply with Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance for protection of the health of facility's

residents and its employees. In addition strict measure related to screening the temperature of all facility employees upon the start and end of any applicable work shift are in place as well as communication to its employees, contractors, residents, patients, and immediate family members or other emergency medical registered contacts of residents or patients of the daily status of the ongoing situation resulting from these employee positive test results related to COVID-19 is required.

Failure to comply with the public health order is a Class A misdemeanor under state law, which carries a maximum penalty of a year in jail and a \$2,500 fine. In addition, the facility could lose its license and face civil liability.

Census Update

The Village of Oak Park's current response rate to the Census is 57.4% which is higher than the State of Illinois response rate (53.4%) but far below our final 2010 rate of 74.6% (there are not records to show a comparison to the same point in time in 2010). A significant concern with this response rate is related to Oak Park's high apartment census tracts (depicted in the map below as light blue and yellow). Specifically, if the Federal government delays the final census count to the fall of 2020 and does a big push to go door to door in the fall, the residents they contact may not be counted as anyone in our who became a new resident over the summer, will not be counted as they were not a resident on April 1. Oak Park traditionally experiences a high rate of apartment turnover/moves in the summer months. The potential result will be a significant undercounting of our rental population residents due to these anticipated summer moves. In order to try to increase our counts now, we are going to start a targeted census campaign to landlords to hopefully help reach tenants in their buildings. We are also looking at using our grant funds to put up yard signs in the lower response rate census tracts. We have reached out to the other taxing bodies communication directors as well.

CURRENT RESPONSE FOR 2020 CENSUS

National Self-Response	49.1%
State of Illinois	53.4% (Highest: Minnesota - 58.8%)
Cook County	48.4% (Highest: Monroe County - 65.1%)
Oak Park	57.4% (Highest: Trout Valley, IL - 84.7%)
Oak Park Tracts range	48.7% (lowest) and 73.7% (highest)

Census Tract Number	Current Response Rate	2010 Final	Difference
8121	65.4%	77.6%	-12.2%
8122	73.7%	86.6%	-12.9%
8123.01	53.8%	69.5%	-15.7%
8123.02	60.7%	78.0%	-17.3%
8124	71.2%	85.8%	-14.6%
8125	51.4%	68.9%	-17.5%
8126	50.7%	68.5%	-17.8%
8127	56.0%	71.7%	-15.7%
8128.01	48.7%	67.6%	-18.9%
8128.02	51.0%	69.5%	-18.5%
8129	56.5%	76.4%	-19.9%
8130	60.9%	80.7%	-19.8%
8131	58.1%	71.7%	-13.6%
8132	62.7%	78.0%	-15.3%%

	Current overall response rate	2010 Final	Difference
Oak Park	57.4%	74.2%	-16.8%
Cook County	48.4%	66.1%	-17.7%
Illinois	53.4%	70.5%	-17.1%

Oak Park, Illinois
Self-Response

57.4%

