



**April 1, 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 ten (10)\*\* additional COVID-19 cases. To date, the State of Illinois has reported a total of forty-six (46) 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).

**Case in Local Nursing Home**

Oak Park Public Health Director Mike Charley reported that a resident of a local a retirement and assisted living facility had tested positive for the COVID-19 coronavirus. The resident is currently being cared for in a local hospital. The Oak Park Oasis, 625 North Harlem Avenue, Oak Park, Illinois, operated by Oak Park Oasis LLC ("Oasis"), 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 preventing the acceptance of any new residents or

rehabilitation patients are in place. Other measures include the prohibition of any visitors and canceling events or gatherings within the facility.

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.

### **Social Service Task Force**

On Monday, March 30, 2020, the Social Services Task Force meeting chaired by the Oak Park Township was held. The Village's liaison, Development Customer Services Director Tammie Grossman shared that the Township gave an overview of their current volunteer recruitment for delivering meals and providing groceries to the seniors. Additionally, the Mental Health Board gave an update on the mental services guide that they prepared for individuals in need of services. A link to the township and that guide is on the Village's website at [www.oak-park.us/covid19](http://www.oak-park.us/covid19). The actual document is updated weekly and therefore it is recommended that the link be shared, not the actual document. Other agencies gave updates on their programs including Housing Forward which has temporarily housed all homeless individuals that they are currently working with in various hotels and they are working with the Township for meal delivery and are working to assign case managers. Beyond Hunger is no longer accepting new volunteers and implemented curbside pick-up of food to avoid contact.

### **Management Council**

An online meeting of management council (the chief appointed official for each taxing body) was held on Tuesday March 31<sup>st</sup> to allow for ongoing dialogue 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.

### **Governor's Order**

During his daily press briefing yesterday, March 31<sup>st</sup> Governor JB Pritzker announced that on Wednesday, April 1, he will be extending the disaster proclamation, the suspension of on-site learning at schools and the 'Stay At Home' Order through April 30. The order has not yet been published. It is staff's intention to maintain the current changes that have temporarily eased many parking restriction, subject to approval by the Village Board of an extension of the March 13 Village's Declaration of an Emergency Affecting Public Health which will be presented at the next regular meeting of the Village Board on April 6<sup>th</sup>. That meeting will be conducted remotely with live audio available and optional video. The meeting will be streamed live and archived online for on-demand viewing at [www.oak-park.us/boardtv](http://www.oak-park.us/boardtv) as well as cablecast on VOP-TV, which is available to Comcast subscribers on channel 6 and ATT Uverse subscribers on channel

99. Remote Meetings of the Oak Park Village Board of Trustees is authorized pursuant to Section 6 of Governor J.B. Pritzker's Executive Order 2020-07. The meeting agenda and related materials will be posted by the end of the day on Thursday, April 2.

**Today is Census Day!**

The 2020 Census is now underway. Notifications have been sent to households throughout the state and country. Today, April 1, is Census Day. Census Day is the day that everyone should use as the reference when filling out the Census. Where a resident lives on April 1 is the basis for how they should fill out their 2020 Census.

If you have not already, please take a minute and fill out their 2020 Census form. That can be done online, via phone or via mail.

<https://2020census.gov/en/ways-to-respond.html>