



December 15, 2021

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

To: Village President and Village Board of Trustees

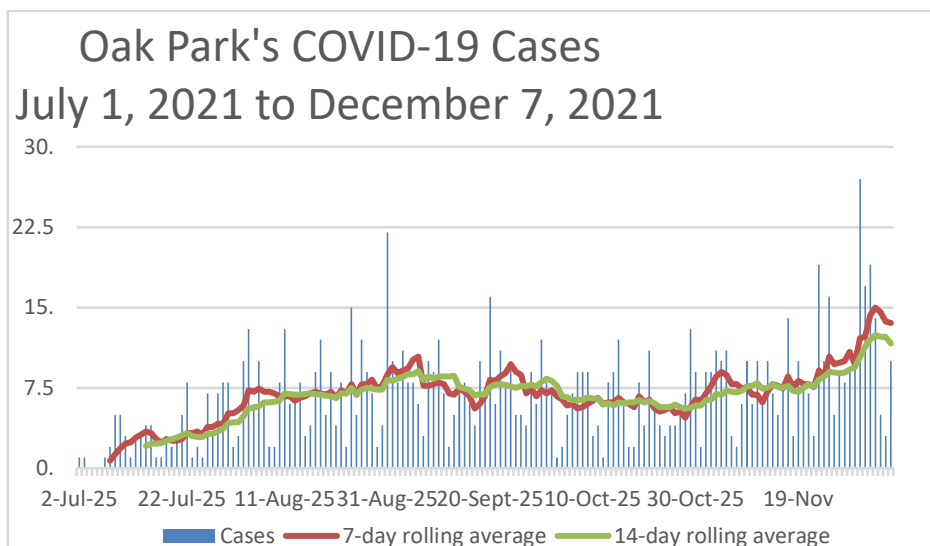
Fr: Lisa Shelley, Interim Village Manager

The memo is a weekly status report presented Wednesdays and provides a brief summary of information regarding Village of Oak Park operational activities in response to COVID-19. The need for staff to transition from working in-person to remote has resulted in the need for this week's report to be abbreviated.


**New COVID-19 Cases**

The Village of Oak Park Department of Public Health received official notification of the following COVID-19 cases.

<u>Date</u>	<u># of Cases</u>
Cases week of December 8 – December 14	123
Cases week of December 1 – December 7	114
Cases week of November 24 - November 30	56
Cases week of November 17 - November 23	58



This chart has not been updated with this week’s totals. Community transmission of COVID-19 is broken down into four categories based on the COVID-19 rates per 100,000 people.

**TABLE. CDC core indicators of and thresholds for community transmission levels of SARS-CoV-2** 

Indicator	Transmission level			
	Low	Moderate	Substantial	High
New cases per 100,000 persons in the past 7 days*	0-9.99	10.00-49.99	50.00-99.99	≥100.00

Based on the positives cases reported to the Village of Oak Park, for the week of December 8-14, our weekly COVID-19 rate of 226 cases per 100,000 placed us in high community transmission range.

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.) so that information can be transferred to the health department. Official test results are used to track the amount of virus in the community and release people who test positive from isolation. The health department cannot provide any resident with a release from isolation without an official notification of their COVID-19 positive status.

Excluding individuals for which street addresses are not yet determined, we have reported a total of four thousand four hundred and thirty seven (4,437) Oak Park COVID-19 cases. *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 individuals 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).

**Oak Park Residents Vaccinated through December 14, 2021**

Updated December 15, 2021, provisional data released by IDPH at [Vaccination Data Zip Code \(illinois.gov\)](https://www.idph.state.il.us/vaccination-data) show that there have been 46,423 Oak Park residents vaccinated with the first dose and 42,255 with both doses which reflects a rate of 85% and 78% respectively.

Additionally, all residents are reminded that if you have already had COVID-19 and recovered, **you should get vaccinated!** Experts do not yet know how long you are protected from getting sick again after recovering from COVID-19. Even if you have already recovered from COVID-19,

it is possible—although rare—that you could be infected with the virus that causes COVID-19 again. Learn more about [why getting vaccinated is a safer way to build protection](#) than getting infected.

The age chart will be updated in next week's report. The ages range from infants less than one year of age through adults up to 89 years of age.