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COVID-19 Status Report
Oak Park Village Board of Trustees

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For: Village President and Board of Trustees

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.

New COVID-19 Cases

The Village of Oak Park Department of Public Health received official notification of 277 COVID-19 cases from April 28-May 3, 2022. This is a 37.8% increase over the last 7-day period, and a 201.1% increase over the cases 30 days ago.

COVID-19 Community Transmission Rates

Based on the positives cases reported to the Village of Oak Park, for the week of April 28-May 3, our weekly COVID-19 rate of 509 cases per 100,000 places us in high community transmission. The CDC recommends tracking community transmission rates and using this to set control measures for hospitals and congregate living facilities. The state health department encourages tracking of community transmission rates for decision making around certain COVID-19 protocols in schools.

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. The health department appreciates all the at-home test that are reported, while we cannot use them in our official numbers, it does indicate that about 60% or more of our community's cases are going unreported.

COVID-19 Community Levels

On February 25, 2022, the CDC introduced COVID-19 Community Levels of low, medium, and high. Oak Park is now in the medium level, as defined by 200 or more cases per 100,000 (we have 509) and less than 10% of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients (Cook County reports 3.4% as of April 30). The health department is closely monitoring

hospitalizations. While we continue to remain below the 10% mark, hospitalizations have increased over the last three weeks with the largest increase of 40% happening this week.

Health department officials suggest caution as we enter into our fourth week of medium COVID-19 community level. During these last three weeks we have experienced outbreaks related to outdoor and indoor sports, choir, daycare attendance, school attendance, school trips, social gatherings (parties), long-term care facilities, congregate housing, and in other locations. We ask that you please continue to practice diligence as COVID-19 rarely stays where the outbreak began. In all the situations above, community spread has been noted. With a large number of COVID-19 cases, it is becoming increasingly challenging to keep the virus out of locations dedicated to our vulnerable and at-risk populations. Please remember to wear a mask when around the vulnerable, 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 remain infectious post their five-day isolation period. If you are a close contact, quarantine for five days and wear a mask for the remaining five days if you are not up-to-date on your vaccinations. If you are up-to-date on your vaccinations, mask at all times you are around others for 10 days, indoors and out, and get vaccinated or boosted as indicated. As the weather is getting warmer, consider hosting events outdoors and asking guests to test prior to arriving. As a community, we can do what's necessary to keep each other safe and have our community levels return to low.

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)
Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you are immunocompromised or high risk for severe disease <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Talk to your healthcare provider about whether you need to wear a mask and take other precautions (e.g., testing) ○ Have a plan for rapid testing if needed (e.g., having home tests or access to testing) ○ Talk to your healthcare provider about whether you are a candidate for treatments like oral antivirals, PrEP, and monoclonal antibodies • If you have household or social contact with someone at high risk for severe disease <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ consider self-testing to detect infection before contact ○ consider wearing a mask when indoors with them • Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines and boosters 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect people at high risk for severe illness or death by ensuring equitable access to vaccination, testing, treatment, support services, and information • Consider implementing screening testing or other testing strategies for people who are exposed to COVID-19 in workplaces, schools, or other community settings as appropriate • Implement enhanced prevention measures in high-risk congregate settings (see guidance for correctional facilities and homeless shelters) • Distribute and administer vaccines to achieve high community vaccination coverage and ensure health equity • Maintain improved ventilation in public indoor spaces • Ensure access to testing, including through point-of-care and at-home tests for all people <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Communicate with organizations and places that serve people who are immunocompromised or at high risk for severe disease to

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain improved ventilation throughout indoor spaces when possible Follow CDC recommendations for isolation and quarantine, including getting tested if you are exposed to COVID-19 or have symptoms of COVID-19 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ensure they know how to get rapid testing Ensure access and equity in vaccination, testing, treatment, community outreach, support services for disproportionately affected populations

Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/science/community-levels.html>

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 88.2% of residents receiving their first dose and 81.3% completing their primary vaccination series.

On March 30, 2022, the CDC approved an additional 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

Everyone must be at least four months post their initial booster to qualify.

The Oak Park Department of Public Health is hosting vaccination clinics for our senior facilities, homebound, and unhoused populations this week. If you know of anyone seeking a COVID vaccine, please contact the health department for information on how to access one.

Age Range Data

Oak Park residents who tested positive for COVID-19 ranged in age from 1 to 84 years.

Age Range	Cases April 21-27	% of Cases April 21-27
0-4	13	4.7%
5-13	78	28.2%
14-19	26	9.4%
20-29	27	9.8%
30-39	33	11.9%
40-49	44	15.9%
50-59	23	8.3%
60-69	25	9.0%

70-79	7	2.5%
80-89	1	0.3%
90-99	0	0%
Unknown	0	0%
Total	277	