



April 29, 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: 5 Oak Park residents who range in age from the 30s to 90s.

Excluding individuals for which street addresses are not yet determined, the State of Illinois reports a total of one-hundred sixty-four (164) 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.

Also, Oak Park Public Health Director Mike Charley reported today the ninth death of Oak Park resident believed to be related to the COVID-19 coronavirus. The fatality is a man in his 70s. This resident had earlier tested positive for the virus, but the final cause of death will be determined by the Cook County Medical Examiner. Director Charley expressed his sincere condolences to the man's friends and family for the loss of their loved ones.

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 Long-Term Care and Assisted Living Facilities

Public Health Director Charley reported updated cases for residents today in Long-Term Care and Assisted Living Facilities which included new cases at both Oak Park Arms, 408 S Oak Park Avenue (one resident and three staff members) and the Oasis, 625 N Harlem (two residents and one staff member). All of the above resident cases are in the care of a hospital currently.

Facility Name	# of Resident Cases	# of Resident Deaths	# of Staff Cases
Belmont Village of Oak Park	1	0	3
Berkeley Nursing & Rehabilitation Center	1	1	0
Brookdale Oak Park	5	1	5
Oak Park Arms	2	0	3
Oasis of Oak Park	18	4	2

The Public Health Director additionally reported one positive resident case at Mill’s Park Tower, 1025 Pleasant Place. The Village only reports a positive test for a resident in Senior Housing facilities such as Mill’s Park Tower (which is not a long term care facility) as senior housing sites are not State licensed facilities and function more like private apartment residence which has age restrictions to rent, as well as income restrictions at some properties. Regardless of the reporting, our Public Health Department continues to work closely with the ownership/management of each of the four senior buildings in Oak Park (Ryan Farrelly Apartments, Heritage House, the Oaks and Mill’s Park Tower) to provide public health guidance related to COVID-19.

Interim Deputy Fire Chief Infectious Disease

The appointment of Joseph Terry as Interim Deputy Fire Chief for Infectious Disease has been extended through June 5, 2020. The initial appointment was made March 13 through May 1st following a Side Letter agreement with the IAFF Local 95 to address issues related to wages, benefits and the Fire Fighters Promotional Act which is a state law governing the competition promotional process for all fire fighters under the rank of Deputy Chief. Interim DC Terry has been working with the Public Health Director with a focus on senior long term care facilities and other matters related to the Village’s response to COVID-19.

Extension of relaxed enforcement of many Parking Restrictions

On-street, overnight and daytime parking restrictions, including restrictions for street cleaning, will not be enforced on most Oak Park residential streets to accommodate residents' compliance with the Stay Home order as a result of the COVID-19 emergency. Restrictions currently are scheduled to resume at 2:30 a.m., Tues., June 2. Please keep in mind restrictions are not lifted in metered or pay station spaces, or paid overnight permit areas, including posted on-street zones and lots. All other parking regulations related to traffic and public safety such as no parking here to corner or in front of a fire hydrant remain in effect.

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.