



COVID-19 Public Health

GUIDANCE FOR STORES THAT SELL GROCERIES AND MEDICINE

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Pursuant to Village of Oak Park Resolution 20-120 dated March 13, 2020, the Oak Park Village Board has declared an emergency affecting the public health due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 disease pursuant to Section 8-10-5 of the Illinois Municipal Code, 65 ILCS 5/8-10-5, and Sections 2-6-10, 2-27-9 and 20-1-6(Z) of the Oak Park Village Code. Pursuant to the Resolution, the Village's Public Health Director has the authority to make "reasonable rules, regulations and orders . . . as may from time to time be deemed necessary for the preservation and improvement of the public health and for the suppression of disease."

GUIDANCE

As an essential business, stores that sell groceries and medicine have an important responsibility to ensure our community is working together to limit community spread of COVID-19.

Stores that sell groceries and medicine are subject to the "Social Distancing Requirements" contained in Governor JB Pritzker's stay at home order effective through April 7, 2020. Governor Pritzker's order provides that such stores are to take "proactive measures to ensure compliance with Social Distancing Requirements, including where possible:

- i. **Designate six-foot distances.** Designating with signage, tape, or by other means six-foot spacing for employees and customers in line to maintain appropriate distance;
- ii. **Hand sanitizer and sanitizing products.** Having hand sanitizer and sanitizing products readily available for employees and customers;
- iii. **Separate Operating hours for vulnerable populations.** Implementing separate operating hours for elderly and vulnerable customers; and

- iv. **Online and remote access.** Posting online whether a facility is open and how best to reach the facility and continue services by phone or remotely.”

The above is currently in effect in Oak Park per Governor’s Pritzker’s order. Oak Park Public Health Staff will be inspecting stores that sell groceries and medicine to determine whether your operations are in compliance with the Governor’s Order. If it comes to my attention that such stores are not taking sufficient action to meet these Social Distancing Requirements, I will make some, all or a combination of actions thereof required in order to stop the spread of COVID-19 under my authority as the Village of Oak Park’s Public Health Director set forth above.

In addition to the specific requirements stated above, stores that sell groceries or medicine should evaluate whether to implement the following measures in order to assist a store with compliance during the time Governor Pritzker’s Order is in effect: (1) whether reduced hours of operation will help suppliers catch up with demands; (2) whether to limit the total number of shoppers allowed into a facility at any single time; (3) whether to limit the purchase of high-demand items; (4) and whether to utilize floor markings (such as tape) to delineate social distancing in lines (inside) or chalk lines on sidewalks outside a store entrance.

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