



COVID-19 Public Health

BULLETIN ON STATUS OF COVID-19 TESTING

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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 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."

BULLETIN

The spread of COVID-19 is a rapidly evolving situation and the intent of this BULLETIN is to share with the public basic public health information that does not require the issuance of an emergency notification through the Village's alert system that is used to notify residents when emergency situations occur, not general information. Anyone who would like to register for Village emergency alerts should go to <https://www.oak-park.us/news/covid-19-coronavirus-resources>.

OAK PARK RESIDENT POSITIVE COVID-19 TESTS

Today, the Village of Oak Park Department of Public Health received notification of six (6)** additional COVID-19 cases. To date, the State of Illinois has reported a total of fifty-two (52) total Oak Park COVID-19 cases. Today's newly reported cases range in age from 20s to 60s.

Also, Oak Park Public Health Director Mike Charley reported today the first death of an Oak Park resident believed to be related to the COVID-19 coronavirus. The fatality is a man in his 60s. The man 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 one.

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).

** 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.

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