



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 www.oak-park.us/covid19.

OAK PARK RESIDENT POSITIVE COVID-19 TESTS

Today, the Village of Oak Park Department of Public Health received notification of the following new COVID-19 cases:

<u>Date</u>	<u># of Cases</u>	<u>Age of Cases</u>
December 17 th (Thursday)	24	<20 to 90s
December 18 th (Friday)	9	20s to 70s

Excluding individuals for which street addresses are not yet determined, the State of Illinois reports a total of one thousand nine hundred and seventy-two (1972) Oak Park COVID-19 cases. It is important to note that as patient tracking and case follow-up occurs, individuals listing the number of Oak Park cases reported may change depending on residency confirmation.

Also, Interim Oak Park Public Health Director Joseph Terry reported today the forty-fifth death of an Oak Park resident believed to be related to the COVID-19 coronavirus. The fatality is a 71-year-old female living in a private residence. Director Terry expresses his sincere condolences to the residents’ friends and families for the loss of their loved one.

OAK PARK LONG-TERM CARE AND ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY CASES

Facility Name	# of Resident Cases	# of Resident Deaths	# of Staff Cases
Belmont Village of Oak Park	16	5	27
Berkeley Nursing & Rehabilitation Center	47	11	15
Brookdale Oak Park	11	2	22
Oak Park Arms	8	1	4
Oasis of Oak Park	23	12	12

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).

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