



COVID-19 Public Health

GUIDELINE FOR EARLY VOTING AT VILLAGE HALL

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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."

GUIDANCE

The risk of COVID-19 disease for the majority of the US population, including Oak Park, remains low and it is our belief that with some basic precautions during community gatherings of limited participation, we can help maintain that low risk status. That said, the spread of COVID-19 is a rapidly evolving situation which may require further amendment to this guidance for Social Distancing at Village Hall Early Voting.

EARLY VOTING – SOCIAL DISTANCING

Based on what is currently known about the COVID-19 virus and similar coronaviruses, spread from person-to-person happens most frequently among close contacts (within about 6 feet). This type of transmission occurs via respiratory droplets.

The early voting location at Village Hall shall incorporate social distancing strategies, as feasible. Social distancing strategies increase the space between individuals and decrease the frequency of contact among individuals to reduce the risk of spreading a disease. Polling staff shall instruct all individuals, as feasible, to keep at least 6 feet apart, based on what is known about

COVID-19. If this is not feasible, efforts should be made to keep individuals as far apart as is practical. Feasibility of strategies include:

- Remind voters upon arrival to leave space between themselves and others. Encourage voters to stay 6 feet apart, if feasible. For public safety, Polling works should direct voters to congregate outside Village Hall and to keep 6 feet apart in an outdoor open space, in lieu of lining up single-file within the Village Hall building.
- Polling workers should discourage voters and fellow workers from greeting others with physical contact (e.g., handshakes).
- COVID-19 Social distancing signage/posters should be posted in public view.

DISTRIBUTION: Village Website
Department Directors
Village Board of Trustees
Post at Village Hall Early Polling Place

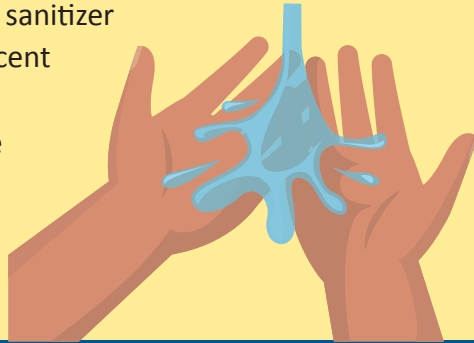


COVID-19 Social Distancing

Social distancing actions are taken to restrict when and where people can gather to stop or slow the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) or other infectious diseases in communities. Social distancing actions include limiting large groups of people coming together, closing buildings or canceling events.

Protect yourself and your community

Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, and after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing. If you don't have soap or water, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol. Avoid close contact with people who are sick and stay home when you're sick.



Change your daily habits

Avoid shopping at peak hours and take advantage of delivery or pick-up services with retailers.



Work with your employer

Cooperate with leadership to change company practices, set up flexible shift plans, have employees telecommute, and cancel large meetings or conferences.



Universities and colleges

Consider suspending on campus classes, implementing web-based learning and canceling large campus meetings and gatherings.



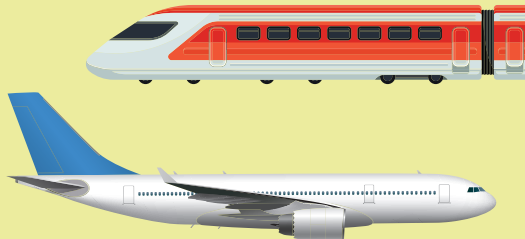
Keep at least six feet between you and others.

Avoid shaking hands as a social greeting.



Public transit

Avoid public transit if possible and don't travel to areas with active outbreaks.



Crowded places

Avoid crowded places. Events with 1,000 or more people have been canceled. Community events with 250 or more recommended be canceled or postponed. Major sports events are canceled.

