



## COVID-19 Public Health

### GUIDANCE FOR GARAGE AND BLOCK SALES

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Expiration: State of Illinois Restriction/Guidance  
Against Gathering of 50 Persons or Less Lifted

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Pursuant to Village of Oak Park Resolution 20-120 dated March 13, 2020, the Oak Park Village Board 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 through April 6, 2020. Said emergency was first extended through May 5, 2020 by Village Resolution 20-124 and later extended through June 1, 2020 by Village Resolution 20-128 dated April 27, 2020. Pursuant to these resolutions and Section 20-1-6(AB) of the Oak Park Village Code, which was adopted by the Village Board on May 28, 2020 by Ordinance 20-041, 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" through November 15, 2020.

### GUIDANCE

The Village of Oak Park experiences an increase in the spring and summer in residential garage sales, yard sales, block sales and other outdoor sales. I strongly recommend that persons who hold such sales or attend them take the following actions:

1. During Phase 4 of Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker's Restore Illinois plan, garage and block sales are limited to no more than fifty (50) people at any one time. The more people an individual interacts with at a gathering and the longer that interaction lasts, the higher the potential risk of becoming infected with COVID-19 and COVID-19 spreading.
2. Participants shall stay home and not participate in a garage or block sale if they:
  - Show COVID-19 symptoms.
  - Have tested positive for COVID-19 and are still within a required isolation period.
  - Have been in close contact with someone infected with COVID-19 within the last 14 days.
3. Set up tables and chairs at least six (6) feet apart

4. Use heavy-duty tape to encourage a one-way flow for customers to follow throughout the sale premises.
5. Ask customers maintain a six (6) foot distance from other customers if standing in line to pay for items.
6. Wear face coverings at all times during the sale.
7. Clean all tables and chairs several times throughout the day using CDC guidance, which can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/clean-disinfect/index.html>.
8. Make sure all merchandise is washed and dried and/or wiped down with a disinfectant product before placing on a table or chair for sale.
9. Wipe down all tables and chairs using disinfectant prior to opening for customers and at the end of each sale day.
10. Have hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol content available for customer use.

For general questions about COVID-19 and Illinois' response and guidance, please call the Illinois Department of Public Health at 1-800-889-3931 or email [DPH.SICK@ILLINOIS.GOV](mailto:DPH.SICK@ILLINOIS.GOV). Further information can be found at the following web links:

- [Village of Oak Park COVID-19 Resources](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: How to Protect Yourself](#)
- [Illinois Department of Public Health](#)
- [Illinois Department of Public Health Social Distancing Measures](#)

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