



**COVID-19 Public Health
COVID-19 BRIDGE PHASE MITIGATION**

Issued: May 14, 2021
Effective Date: Upon Issuance
Expiration Date: Upon further Order

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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 extended or reinstated as follows: (1) through May 5, 2020 by Village Resolution 20-124; through June 1, 2020 by Village Resolution 20-128 dated April 27, 2020; (2) reinstated on July 27, 2020 through September 14, 2020 by Village Resolution 20-184; (3) reinstated on November 2, 2020 by Village Resolution 20-232 through February 16, 2021; and (4) extended on January 19, 2021 by Village Resolution 20-43 through June 15, 2021. Pursuant to these resolutions and Section 20-1-6(BB) of the Oak Park Village Code, which was adopted by the Village Board on January 19, 2021 by Ordinance 21-8, 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 . . . due to the outbreak of COVID-19 disease in the State of Illinois" through June 15, 2021.

ORDER

1. The State of Illinois has announced that suburban Cook County, including the Village of Oak Park ("Village"), can move to Phase 4 of Governor JB Pritzker's Restore Illinois Plan in response to the outbreak of COVID-19 disease in the State of Illinois, effective February 2, 2021 and the Bridge Phase on May 14, 2021.
2. I have determined that additional mitigation measures are necessary under Phase 4 and the Bridge Phase to protect the public health pursuant to my authority set forth above due to the trend of COVID-19 cases in the Village of Oak Park ("Village").
3. **All Businesses and Individuals.**
 - A. Staff and patrons in all sectors must comply with the executive orders on masking issued by the Governor of the State of Illinois, and follow masking guidance specific to industry

sectors as provided by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (“DCEO”), and any guidance issued by the Village’s Public Health Department.

B. All individuals over the age of two (2) and able to medically tolerate a mask, regardless of vaccination status, must continue to wear masks in health care settings, nursing homes, long-term care facilities, shelters and other congregate settings, government buildings, on planes, buses, trains, other forms of public transportation, and in other transportation stations or hubs.

B. Mask refers to a complete and tight-knit fabric or cloth, or medical mask that is appropriately sized for the individual’s face to snugly cover the nasal openings and mouth without the necessity of being held in place by the individual’s hands.

C. All venue operators and event organizers must have a plan to ensure individuals wear a mask in compliance with state mandates and DCEO guidance, limit congregation and discourage standing, and minimize crowding during entry/exit from their facility during operation and throughout the duration of any events held within. Failure to require patrons who are not fully-vaccinated to be masked will be seen as a violation of the establishment to operate safely.

D. Fully-vaccinated individuals are exempt from capacity limits in all sectors.

E. People are considered fully vaccinated ≥ 2 weeks after receiving the second dose in a 2-dose series or ≥ 2 weeks after receiving a single-dose vaccine.

F. Businesses that choose to participate in allowing any exemptions by the Governor’s executive orders for fully-vaccinated patrons must establish a system for verifying vaccination status. At a minimum, it is the responsibility of the business to track patrons who are fully vaccinated and maintain those records so that they are available for Village Health Department investigations upon request, i.e., recording legal names of patrons. Copies of proof of vaccination, such as a patron’s vaccination card, do not need to be maintained by a business.

4. Establishments that Serve Alcoholic Liquors, Restaurants, Private Clubs, Country Clubs (All businesses that offer food or beverages for on-premises consumption—including, but not limited to, restaurants, grocery stores, and food halls):

A. Indoor service is limited to 75% of capacity per room. A room is a separate and distinct area within an establishment that has transitional elements between the spaces (such as plexiglass, doors, walls, etc.).

B. Table placement, both indoor and outdoor, must allow for parties to be seated 6 feet apart from one another. Seatbacks of one table must be 6 feet from the seatbacks of the other table.

C. For parties where all individuals are not fully-vaccinated:

1. Indoor and outdoor table size is limited to no more than 10 people per party.
 2. Indoor and outdoor bar/counter seating is limited to no more than 6 people per party.
- D. Bar and counter seating are allowed with 6 feet between parties.
- E. Indoors and outdoors, there is no party size limit if all individuals 16 years and older in a party are fully vaccinated.
- F. Food must be available to be ordered and received at all times in order to offer indoor service. Those establishments without a food service license/permit can serve indoors as long as they partner with a food establishment (e.g., making menus available and allowing food delivery, allowing patrons to order from third-party delivery services).
- G. Staff and patrons must be masked in accordance with the guidance provided by the DCEO.
- H. Standing areas are limited to 25% capacity per room. Congregation of over 6 people \leq 6-ft. apart in a standing area is prohibited.
- I. Outdoor service includes:
1. Rooms with retractable roofs;
 2. Rooftops;
 3. Multi-party structures, such as tents, with at least 50% of walls open;
 4. Single-party structures, such as igloos, with proper ventilation; and
 5. Tables indoors within eight feet of an open wall or window that is at least 50% open to the outdoor air.
- J. All venues must keep dance floors and spaces closed.
- K. For live performances, patron seating within 10-ft. of a stage must be removed or an impermeable barrier installed between the stage and patrons.
- L. A 10-ft. separation distance between performers and patrons must be maintained where patrons are allowed to eat and drink.

5. Meetings, Convention Centers, and Conferences.

A. All venue operators and event organizers must have a plan to ensure masking of individuals in accordance with DECO guidelines, limit congregation and discourage standing, and minimize crowding during entry/exit throughout the duration of an event.

B. Capacity is limited to 60% of a space, or 1,000 people, whichever is fewer.

C. Indoor table and outdoor table size are limited to no more than ten (10) people for any event. There is no table size limit if all individuals 16 years and older in the party are fully vaccinated.

6. Social Events and Gatherings – including, but not limited to, weddings, potlucks, school ceremonies, etc. Venues hosting social events and gatherings such as, but not limited to, weddings and end of school year celebrations, excluding graduation ceremonies, must meet the following requirements:

A. Indoor events are allowed up to 250 individuals.

B. Outdoor events are allowed up to 500 individuals.

C. All venues must keep dance floors and spaces closed.

D. Indoor and outdoor table size are limited to no more than 10 people for any event. There is no party size limit if all individuals 16 years and older in the party are fully vaccinated.

E. Outdoor table size is limited to no more than 10 people for any event.

7. Indoor and Outdoor Activities.

A. Parks and, Outdoor Attractions. Indoor spaces (e.g., field houses, indoor exhibit spaces) are limited to the lesser of 50% capacity or a maximum of 100 individuals per partitioned space.

B. Group size for outdoor activities is limited to a maximum of 100 individuals per group, with multiple groups permitted while maintaining appropriate social distancing.

C. Indoor Recreation Centers (e.g., arcades).

1. Indoor spaces are limited to the lesser of 50% capacity or a maximum of 100 individuals per space.

2. If a facility has an outdoor component, each outdoor space is limited to a maximum of 100 people per group while outside, with multiple groups permitted while practicing social distancing.

D. **Organized Group Recreational Activities (i.e., sports, indoor sports, and activities facilities).**

1. Group sporting and recreational activities including youth and adult recreational sports are limited to the lesser of 50% capacity, or a maximum of 100 individuals indoors. This includes park districts and travel leagues.

2. Group size for outdoor activities is limited to 100 people. Multiple groups are permitted, while maintaining appropriate social distancing.

3. Individual training may continue (with facility reservation).

4. Locker rooms and showers can remain open if strict and frequent cleaning measures are in place.

5. Illinois All Sports Policy is required to be followed for sports play level and allowances.

6. All sports participants playing indoors must be masked or play risk level will be elevated per Illinois All Sports Policy.

E. **Public swimming pools, spas, and other facilities that have public swimming pools including, but not limited to health/fitness clubs, hotels, daycares, park districts, schools, clubs, etc., must follow all of the Illinois Department of Public Health's Swimming Facility Guidelines and the following:**

1. Indoor capacity is limited to a maximum of 100 bathers or 60% of facility capacity while distanced groups.

2. Outdoor capacity is limited to a maximum group size of 100 bathers with multiple groups permissible with social distancing maintained.

3. Ancillary accommodations such as saunas, hot tubs, jacuzzies, spas, whirlpools and steam rooms are to remain closed.

F. **Bowling.** A venue for bowling may operate at the lesser of 200 people or 50% of venue capacity. Groups of bowlers of up to 50 people must be separated by two unused, or "dark" lanes. A bowling venue shall refer to the Restore Illinois Phase 4 Bowling Guidelines on the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity website.

8. Arts and Culture.

A. Museum capacity is limited to 60% occupancy.

B. Seated Spectator Events, Performance Venues and Movie Theaters.

1. Indoor and outdoor space is limited to 60% capacity while maintaining appropriate social distancing.

2. Group size is limited to 10 persons.

3. For live performances, patron seating within 10-ft. of a stage must be removed or an impermeable barrier installed between the stage and patrons.

4. A 10-ft. separate distance between performers and patrons must be maintained where patrons are allowed to eat and drink.

5. All food and beverage guidelines must be followed.

6. Indoor standing-room-only events are not permitted.

C. Film and Television Production.

1. Production is encouraged to be limited to groups of cast and crew.

2. Capacity is limited to 60% for all indoor spaces, while still adhering to gathering size restrictions.

9. Health and Fitness Centers.

A. Indoor facilities are limited to a maximum of 60% capacity.

B. Gatherings of employees and customers in common areas (e.g., check-in area) is limited to a maximum of 50 individuals, while maintaining appropriate social distancing.

C. Indoor fitness classes are limited to the lesser of 50 individuals, while maintaining appropriate social distancing.

D. Outdoor fitness classes are limited to a maximum of 100 individuals, while maintaining appropriate social distancing.

E. Locker rooms and showers can remain open if strict and frequent cleaning measures are in place.

F. Ancillary accommodations such as hot tubs, jacuzzies, spas, whirlpools and steam rooms must remain closed.

10. **Personal Services.** Indoor space is limited to 60% capacity while maintaining appropriate social distancing.

11. **Retail Stores.** Retail stores are limited to a maximum of 60% capacity while maintaining appropriate social distancing.

12. **Hotel & Accommodations**

A. Fitness centers are limited to a maximum of 60% capacity while maintaining appropriate social distancing. Hotel guests are required to be masked at all times in the fitness center.

B. Event and meeting spaces are limited to the lesser of 1,000 individuals or 60% capacity while maintaining appropriate social distancing.

13. **Short Term Rentals.** Gatherings are limited to vaccinated individuals or single households when possible.

14. **Office Buildings.**

A. All employees who can work remotely are encouraged to work remotely.

B. If remote work is not possible, capacity is limited to 60% for all indoor spaces, including tenant spaces, while maintaining appropriate social distancing.

15. **Residential Buildings.** Capacity in common areas and amenity spaces (e.g., conference rooms, tenant lounges) are limited to the lesser of 60% capacity for indoor spaces or activities, while maintaining appropriate social distancing.

16. **Businesses.** Gatherings of employees in cafeterias, meeting rooms, and other gathering points or entry/exit points on the site are limited to no more than 60% capacity per room, while maintaining appropriate social distancing.

17. **Transportation.** Vehicles are limited to a maximum of 9 individuals, including the driver.

18. Variances may be allowed to this Order by the Public Health Director on a case by case review basis which would be based on, but not limited to, Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity and Illinois Department of Public Health policy, regulations, and guidance updates.

19. Exemptions.

A. Free exercise of religion. This Order does not limit the free exercise of religion. To protect the health and safety of faith leaders, staff, congregants, and visitors, religious organizations and houses of worship are strongly encouraged to consult and follow the recommended practices and guidelines from the Illinois Department of Public Health. Religious organizations are strongly encouraged to take steps to ensure social distancing, the use of face coverings, and the implementation of other public health measures.

B. Emergency functions. All first responders, emergency management personnel, emergency dispatchers, court personnel, law enforcement and corrections personnel, hazardous materials responders, child protection and child welfare personnel, housing and shelter personnel, military, and other government employees working for or to support the emergency response are exempt from this Order but are encouraged to practice social distancing and take recommended public health measures.

C. Governmental functions. This Order does not apply to the United States government and does not affect services provided by the State or any municipal, township, county, subdivision, or agency of government and needed to ensure the continuing operation of the government agencies or to provide for or support the health, safety, and welfare of the public and their response to COVID-19 disease.

20. This Order shall supersede and replace the Interim Public Health Director's order dated February 4, 2021, titled "COVID-19 Phase 4 Mitigation Order, the Interim Public Health Director's Order dated February 10, 2021, titled "Amendment to COVID-19 Phase 4 Mitigation Order," the Interim Public Health Director's Order dated March 31, 2021, titled "COVID-19 Phase 4 Mitigation Order," and the Interim Public Health Director's Order dated April 30, 2021, titled "COVID-19 Phase 4 Mitigation Order,"

21. Nothing contained in this Order is intended to, or shall operate to, supersede any applicable State or federal law, order or rule, and to the extent of any conflict, such State or federal law, order or rule shall be applicable.

22. If any provision of this Order or its application to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid, then the remainder of the Order, including the application of such part or provision to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect. To this end, the provisions of this Order are severable.

23. A failure to comply with this Order may result in one or all of the following: (1) a charge of Reckless Conduct pursuant to Section 12-5 of the Illinois Criminal Code, 720 ILCS 5/12-5/2, which is a Class A misdemeanor which may result in a sentence of imprisonment up to one year and/or a fine of not less than \$75 not to exceed \$2,500; (2) a charge of a violation of Sections 2(k) and/or Section 8.1 of the Illinois Public Health Act, 20 ILCS 2305/2(k) and 20 ILCS 2305/8), which are also Class A misdemeanors; (3) a violation of Section 20-1-12 of the Oak Park Village Code

which is a Class B misdemeanor which may result in a fine of \$750 for each violation; (4) the suspension or revocation of a business license; (5) an order of closure of a business; or (6) a charge of a violation of any other applicable law.

24. This Order shall be in full force and effect until further order.

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