



COVID-19 Public Health

EXTENSION OF SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER- PUBLIC SPORT COURTS CLOSED AND CERTAIN ACTIVITIES PROHIBITED

Issued: April 7, 2020

Effective Date: April 8, 2020 at 12:00 a.m.

Expiration Date: May 5, 2020 at 11:59 p.m.

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Pursuant to Village of Oak Park (“Village”) 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. Said emergency has been extended through May 5, 2020 pursuant to Village Resolution 20-124 dated April 6, 2020. Pursuant to the resolutions, 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.”

SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER

Every individual has an important responsibility to ensure our community is working together to limit community spread of COVID-19. In light of this responsibility, I am extending my Supplemental Order dated March 25, 2020 closing public sport courts and prohibiting certain activities as follows:

1. On March 20, 2020, State of Illinois Governor JB Pritzker’s Executive Order 2020-10 (“COVID-19 Executive Order No. 8”) which requires the people of the State of Illinois to stay at home through April 7, 2020, including in the Village of Oak Park (“Village”), and which is in effect in the Village. Governor Pritzker’s Covid-19 Executive Order No. 8 has been extended through April 30, 2020 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-18 (COVID-Executive Order No. 16).
2. Governor Pritzker’s Order provides that local governments may adopt “provisions that are stricter” than those contained in his Order. COVID-19 Executive Order No. 8 at Section 1(18).
3. “All places of public amusement, whether indoors or outdoors,” are ordered closed pursuant to Governor Pritzker’s Order, excluding public parks and open outdoor recreation areas. COVID-19 Executive Order No. 8 at Section 1(5)(c) & Section 1(18). In addition, “playgrounds” are ordered closed. COVID-19 Executive Order No. 8 at Section 1(5)(C).

4. The State of Illinois released the following guidance regarding Governor Pritzker's Order:

Can I leave home to exercise?

Yes. Outdoor exercise like running or taking a walk is perfectly acceptable; however, exercise gyms, fitness centers and associated facilities will be closed to reduce the spread of coronavirus. While exercising outside, you should still practice social distancing by running or walking at least six feet away from other people.

5. Pursuant to my authority as the Village's Public Health Director set forth above and consistent with the State of Illinois' guidance set forth in Section 3 above, I am extending my Supplemental Order dated March 25, 2020 closing basketball, tennis and pickleball sport courts that are open to the public closed for public use. In addition, organized sport games or competition, such as baseball, softball, lacrosse, rugby, soccer, tag, football or similar activities, between persons at public parks or outdoor recreation areas are prohibited in order to protect the public from the spread of COVID-19 disease because such activities could entail or promote non-compliance with the social distancing requirements set forth in Governor Pritzker's Order. Dog parks may remain open, and persons using dog parks must comply with the social distancing requirements contained in Governor Pritzker's Order, including, but not limited to, maintaining at least six-foot social distancing from other individuals.

6. 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.

7. 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.

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