



March 17, 2020

COVID-19 Status Report
Oak Park Village Board of Trustees

To: Village President and Village Board of Trustees

Fr: Cara Pavlicek, Village Manager

As means to share a brief summary of information regarding Village of Oak Park operational activities in response to COVID-19. In most cases, formal public guidance or employee guidance has been publicly disseminated via the Village website or Village social media channels.

New Public Health Guidance

Oak Park Director of Public Health Mike Charley issued the following today:

- A bulletin was issued noting Oak Park as of 5 PM on 3/17 that there are NO presumptive positive tests in Oak Park. In addition, today the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) has notified Public Health Departments that the number of residents tested and the negative test results are no longer reportable and therefore the only notification the Oak Park Department of Public Health can make is related to presumptive positives and confirmations. To confirm, this bulletin is public notice that there are NO presumptive positive tests in Oak Park.

All documents are located to <https://www.oak-park.us/news/covid-19-coronavirus-resources> under "latest municipal news" (click to expand).

Village Hall Closure for 3/17 & 3/18

Village Hall will remained closed to public services for both Tuesday and Wednesday March 17 & 18. We are taking this step so we can have an increased focus on cleaning and sanitizing commonly touched surfaces and high traffic areas such as the employee lounge and conference rooms following early voting which has resulted in more than 2,500 people at Village Hall in the last 72 hours.

Emergency Operations Center (EOC) under Partial Opening

Status unchanged.

Community Stakeholders Conference Call

Today, the Village held its Community Stakeholders call and the following groups were able to participate and share information related to their services and COVID-19:

- a. Village of Oak Park
- b. Oak Park Township & Community Mental Health Board
- c. Oak Park Park District
- d. Oak Park Library
- e. Oak Park Schools:
 - i. District 97
 - ii. District 200
 - iii. Fenwick High School
- f. Hospitals
 - i. RUSH Oak Park
 - ii. Riveredge Hospital
- g. OPRF Community Foundation
- h. Housing Forward
- i. Beyond Hunger
- j. Collaboration for Early Childhood
- k. AgeOptions
- l. West Cook YMCA
- m. Thrive
- n. NAMI
- o. Community of Congregations
- p. Animal Care League
- q. American Red Cross
- r. West Suburban Consolidated Dispatch Center (WSCDC)
- s. Utilities
 - i. Nicor
- t. Transit
 - i. PACE

Also, this connection resulted in groups holding additional discussions after the call about connecting in similar service categories. Community focus areas include food deliveries for seniors, mental health services and support for homelessness services where hard work is being done by multiple groups. Future calls are being scheduled by the Village.

Lake Street and other Public Works Construction Activities

At this time, contractors for the State and Village are able to continue work on water/sewer mains on Lake Street approximately halfway between Oak Park Ave & Euclid Ave and private utility work is still scheduled. Evaluation of work is being done and adjustment made especially in terms of any temporary disruption to water service.

Public meeting have been cancelled and not yet rescheduled to discuss future plans related to Oak Park Avenue and it is recognized these delays in the planning phase may in fact delay this project which is tentatively scheduled to begin with paving from North Avenue to Roosevelt Road in 2021.

Austin Blvd Water Main replacement work Lake to Chicago Ave is being modified and limited to work between Erie to Chicago Avenue. This is due to proximity to West Suburban Medical Center and necessary in order to eliminate any risk of the project impacting water supply for the hospital. The work between Erie and Chicago Avenue is proceeding as it will improve reliability for West Sub.

Additional Administrative Policies Issued for Village Employees

The Village's Human Resources Director has notified employees of temporary suspension of certain activities which generally include the suspension of non-emergency activity requiring employees to enter residents' homes or community businesses for the purposes of non-emergency code enforcement, water meter readings or other non-essential water service calls. This suspension of activities does not include employees providing necessary in-person information and/or communication related to our Public Health department's efforts. The directive includes exemptions due to unique circumstances or hardships which residents may face and when safety procedures can reasonably be added.

Employee Retirement

Deputy Fire Chief Pete Pilafas has given notice of retirement effective April 8, 2020. The Village Manager will be making an interim Deputy Chief appointment prior to posting the position internally.