



March 23, 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.

Today, if it is possible, more than any other day, information is changing rapidly.

New Public Health Guidance

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

- A bulletin was issued reporting a new positive test in Oak Park today as of 3 PM on 3/23.

As of 4 p.m. today, further communication with the individual, an adult male in his 50s, established that he is no longer in Oak Park (medical records provided in the notification had not yet been updated).

Today was an important reminder for me about the information updates I provide. I want to ensure you that when we communicate information about the COVID-19 crisis to the Village Board and the public multiple times each day, in advance of each communication we work hard to review the following: What to release, When to release it and Why release it.

We work hard to be accurate and timely with our information. However, today with my desire to meet a “self-imposed” daily 3 p.m. update (in order to be timely with the State of Illinois daily updates) we did not have a “double” confirmation on home address. I apologize and will hold off on future updates until that second contact is confirmed.

Enforcement related to the Governor’s Order

In response to general phone calls and emails, Village staff is letting resident know that if they are concerned about a violation of the Governor’s Stay-at-Home order related to a business operation or a social distancing violation, residents may call the Oak Park Police Non-Emergency number at 708-386-

3800. This phone is answered by Community Service Officers working at the Police Lobby Front Desk. Additionally, it is also being shared with residents that patrol officers are on the streets and will proactively speak with businesses which may be in violation of the Governor's order or group gatherings of more than 10 people.

To date, officers have spoken with three businesses – two that were open but not permitted under the Order, and a third business where customers complained about social distancing within the store. In all cases, officers were able to communicate concerns and seek voluntary compliance.

Employees Working in Divided Shifts

In order to continue to prevent exposure and possible spread of COVID-19 within the Village workforce, to the extent possible we are moving to workgroups in public works, police and fire which operate with stable employee groups. Stable groups meant that the same employees work on the same days/shifts and we do not move employees from one day/shift to another. Based upon the department this is challenging, but necessary to move affirmative in all work groups to this structure so that in the event of an exposure, we can limit the quarantine groups to as few individuals as possible. For other departments and their employees, the focus is on remote working and social distancing when someone must be in a Village facility which is possible because of the nature of work and the number of employees involved to prevent exposures and possible spread in non-Public Works, Police and Fire work groups.

Community Based Testing Sites: General Concept of Operations

State and Federal resources are being used to open drive-thru test site for COVID-19 in the sites in Chicago, Bolingbrook, Joliet & Northlake to serve health care workers and first responders. The sites will also test individuals 65 and older with on-site temperature of 99.6 degrees Fahrenheit or higher and with respiratory symptoms. Limited tests are available daily and are only open to vehicles, not walk-ups per state/federal guidance. The Village has an Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for its first responders and testing. The Village will pay any costs associated with the testing for its first responders.