



May 12, 2020

**COVID-19 Status Report  
Oak Park Village Board of Trustees**

To: Village President and Village Board of Trustees

Fr: Cara Pavlicek, Village Manager

The memo is a 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**

Today, the Village of Oak Park Department of Public Health received notification of the following new COVID-19 cases: 4 Oak Park residents who range in age from 20s to 90s.

Excluding individuals for which street addresses are not yet determined, the State of Illinois reports a total of two-hundred and twenty (220) total Oak Park COVID-19 cases. It is important to note that as patient tracking and case follow-up occurs, individuals listed within the number of Oak Park cases reported may change depending on residency confirmation.

The Oak Park Department of Public Health is notified of positive tests as established by state and local public health protocol. Because of privacy laws, no additional information can be released about the individuals. It is noted, that privacy precludes location information regarding individuals tested to anyone other than Public Health Officials and First Responders.

The Oak Park Department of Public Health is working closely with officials from the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), investigating and notifying anyone who may have had exposure to the individual who tested positive for COVID-19. Local public health officials, hospitals and first responders are following protocols consistent with the latest guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

**Cases related to Long-Term Care and Assisted Living Facilities**

Public Health Director Charley reported a number of updates for cases associated with Long-Term Care and Assisted Living Facilities. At Brookdale, 1111 Ontario Street, two additional staff members have tested positive, bringing the total staff testing positive to seven. Berkeley, 6909 North Avenue and Oak Park Arms, 408 S Oak Park Avenue have report one new resident case each.

Also, Oak Park Public Health Director Mike Charley reported today the fourteenth death of Oak Park resident believed to be related to the COVID-19 coronavirus. The fatality was a female in her 90s. The resident had earlier been a resident of Belmont Village, 1035 Madison and tested positive for the virus, but the final cause of death will be determined by the Cook County Medical Examiner. Director Charley expressed his sincere condolences to the resident's friends and family for the loss of their loved one.

<b>Facility Name</b>	<b># of Resident Cases</b>	<b># of Resident Deaths</b>	<b># of Staff Cases</b>
Belmont Village of Oak Park	2	1	4
Berkeley Nursing & Rehabilitation Center	2	1	1
Brookdale Oak Park	5	1	7
Oak Park Arms	6	0	3
Oasis of Oak Park	20	7	4

**Village Staff Deliver Necessary Services during Stay Home Order**

In order to correct misinformation circulating on social media, please note that since March 16, 2020, the Development Customer Services Department has remotely processed 356 building permits and conducted 472 inspections (451 in person and 12 virtual) to ensure that “critical trades” in the construction field - as defined by the Governor’s Stay at Home Order as essential - can continue in accordance with Village building codes. Additionally, staff has issued Certificates of Occupancy to Daly Bagel, Turanos Corporate office and two single family homes during the Stay Home Order. Planning staff has performed 905 historic and zoning reviews, issued ten Certificates of Appropriateness and is processing ten Planning Applications for pending development projects. Parking staff has processed 4,515 quarterly parking permits. As noted in prior reports, staff from Neighborhood Services has delivered 225 meals to seniors and have processed/inspected 62 property maintenance complaints for such things as work without a permit, graffiti and other property conditions. Additionally, the Department continues to process business licenses, liquor license renewals and answer questions for new businesses seeking to open in the Village.

**Block parties suspended until COVID-19 threat eases**

All block parties have been suspended, in compliance with the *Restore Illinois* plan issued last week by Gov. J.B. Pritzker, until the fourth phase of the plan is reached when gatherings of up to 50 people are permitted. In the meantime, the Village is communicating with who had already submitted a request to hold a block party.