



Daily COVID-19 Briefing

March 31, 2020

Events surrounding the outbreak of COVID-19 have been changing rapidly over the past several days. The Village is working to keep residents informed of what is happening in our community. Please understand the situation is fluid and policies and procedures may change with little notice.

STAY AT HOME ORDER EXTENDED TO APRIL 30

Today, Gov. Pritzker announced that he will sign an Executive Order to extend the deadline for the current Stay At Home Order from April 7 to April 30. Non-essential businesses and schools will also remain closed. [Read the State of Illinois Stay At Home Order FAQ's.](#) Village offices will remain closed to walk-in traffic until the order is lifted, although staff is available via phone (708) 354-0225 or info@lagrangepark.org to assist you.

ENSURING PROTECTION OF OUR VILLAGE'S POTABLE WATER SYSTEM DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

- Public Works staff continues to maintain regularly monitored safeguards for our drinking water.
- Per the CDC and the EPA, potable drinking water has very little chance of the Coronavirus ever entering and surviving in municipal water systems.
- The Village must maintain a healthy chlorine residual in our potable water system. Chlorine residual is the amount of available chlorine required to disinfect and kill off a virus and or bacteria.

- The Village is required to check chlorine residuals daily to meet minimum standards. The Water Pumping facility monitors chlorine residuals for our incoming source water as well as the leaving the plant entering the distribution system.
- During this crisis event, Public Works has instrumented extra daily checks of our Water Pumping facility. These additional measures were put in place to ensure resident safety for the duration.

Please contact the Public Works Department at 708.352.2922 during standard business hours (7:00 am - 3:30 pm) Monday through Friday, or Police Department Non-Emergency Number at 708.352.2151 if you have any questions or concerns.

A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMUNITY PARK DISTRICT

Please be aware that the police are actively responding to and communicating any and all areas of concern to us. Reports are triggered where people are not complying with the CDC social distancing recommendations, congregating, or otherwise violating the governor's executive order. Once an amenity has been identified as an area of concern, we will immediately prohibit access to that location until further notice.

While we understand that access to the outdoors for exercise is essential to the physical and emotional health of residents, this access comes with a high price of personal responsibility. We are increasing educational communication that not only clarifies acceptable activities, but to remind residents that the decisions of a few can impact access for the whole community.

The following are actions that are currently being taken by the Park District:

- Orange fencing is being installed around all playgrounds
- Swings are being removed from all playgrounds
- The number of basketball hoops have been reduced at Yena Park
- The Memorial Park Basketball Court has been closed until further notice
- Warning notices have been sent to regular users

As a reminder, if there are concerns about people congregating in the parks, residents should call the Police Department non-emergency line at 352-2151.

TODAY'S NEWS RELEASES FROM ILLINOIS.GOV

- [Public Health Officials Announce 937 New Cases of Coronavirus Disease](#)

CANCELED PUBLIC EVENTS

- April Youth Commission Meeting (April 13)
- Citizen's Police Academy (April 18 - May 30)
- Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting (April 21)
- National Drug Take-Back Day (April 25)
- Community Clean-Up Day (May 2)

VILLAGE RESOURCES

Village offices remain closed to walk-in traffic but staff remains in the office and ready to assist residents. Please call (708) 354-0225, email info@LaGrangePark.org, or visit the Village website at www.lagrangepark.org.

The Village has several resources available for residents. All of this information is available on the [Village's Coronavirus webpage](#).

ADDITIONAL COVID-19 RESOURCES

- [State of Illinois Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Response Website](#)
- [Illinois Department of Public Health](#)
- IDPH Hotline: 1-800-889-3931
- IDPH Email for Questions about COVID-19: dph.sick@illinois.gov
- IDPH Email for Info on State COVID Response: Gov.COVID19stakeholder@illinois.gov
- [Cook County Department of Public Health](#)
- Cook County Hotline: 708-633-3319
- Cook County
Email: COVID19@cookcountyhhs.org
- Cook County Alerts: Text "alertcook" to 888-777

