



**APRIL 22, 2020**

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### **FACE COVERINGS WILL BE REQUIRED IN LA GRANGE PARK**

Residents, workers and visitors of La Grange Park will be required to wear face coverings in public after the Village President declared a [state of emergency](#) and issued an [executive order](#) which will go into effect on **Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m.**

La Grange Park Village President Jim Discipio issued the order on Wednesday, April 22, which requires all persons over the age of five to wear a face covering while working in and patronizing Essential Businesses and Operations as defined by the Governor's Stay-at-Home Order. Essential businesses include places such as grocery stores, medical facilities, restaurants, banks, and hardware stores. The order also extends to the use of public transportation, taxis and rideshares.

This order will remain in effect for the duration of the Village's emergency declaration and is intended to help slow the spread of COVID-19. "We, as residents, business owners and visitors, all contribute to making La Grange Park a wonderful and safe community. As part of that communal relationship, we owe it to each other to help prevent the spread of this disease. Wearing a face covering when entering a business is a simple task that we can all do to demonstrate we care for the safety and well-being of one another" President Discipio said.

Face coverings will not be required when people are engaging in outdoor physical activity so long as they are observing social distancing, when riding in a personal vehicle, at home, or when doing so poses a greater health risk to the individual.

The Village is providing advance notice of the emergency order to allow residents and businesses time to prepare for compliance with the order. The Village will provide signage to essential businesses in advance of Monday, notifying patrons of the requirement to wear a face covering. Residents are encouraged to wear cloth coverings, such as homemade fabric masks, bandanas, handkerchiefs or scarves. Sew and non-sew patterns are available on the Village's website. The Village discourages the wearing of medical-grade masks, which should be reserved for healthcare professionals and first responders only.

The Village of La Grange Park Police Department will enforce the emergency order, including the issuance of citations, if necessary.

To view the Village's FAQs, [click here](#).

To view a PDF of the press release, [click here](#).

To view the Declaration of Local State of Emergency, [click here](#).

To view the Executive Order, [click here](#).

### Additional Resources for Face Coverings

- The CDC has published instructions on how to wear, clean and make face coverings at home. [Click here to see the instructions](#).
- No-sew masks with Surgeon General Dr. Jerome Adams. ( [video available here](#) ).
- CDC American Sign Language (ASL) Video Series: Face Coverings ( [video available here](#) ).
- No-sew face coverings ( [illustrated guide available here](#) ).
- Hand-sewn masks ( [illustrated guide available here](#) ).

### HAPPY EARTH DAY!

Today marks the 50th Earth Day celebration - though this one will take a markedly different approach to the first event in 1970, as it will be held virtually amid the coronavirus pandemic. There are online events scheduled across the globe to mark the occasion: The Earth Day Network will hold [a day of action](#), issuing a new call to action every hour and a [livestream](#) of performances and speeches.

### LA GRANGE PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY CONTINUES TO INCREASE OFFERINGS

Visit [www.lplibrary.org](http://www.lplibrary.org) to see what's new! Our homepage lists events that are coming soon, but you can also click on our events page to see into the future. Some highlights include:

#### Children's Department

- An abundance of story times and other programs have been shared and will continue on our social media channels! Like or follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and/or [Twitter](#) to stay informed. Every Friday there is a LIVE story time for children ages 3-5 years old at 10am!
- All virtual story times and programs are available on our [Children's YouTube Channel](#). Become a subscriber!
- A special Earth Day story time from Ms. Margaret can be viewed [here](#).

#### Teen Department

Join us Wednesday, April 29 at 7:00 p.m. on [Kast](#) for the first [Psych](#) movie. Yep, that means a second one is coming soon.

#### Adult Department

- Have you used the past few weeks to finish some crafts or pick up a new hobby? Join us on Zoom to show off! Whether it's a painting, a poem, or a sweater knitted out of cat hair, we want to see it! [Register](#) to receive e-mail instructions on how to join.
- Need something notarized? We can help! Email us at [notary@lplibrary.org](mailto:notary@lplibrary.org) to schedule a virtual appointment with our notaries.

### A MESSAGE FROM COMED

As our communities work together to follow stay-at-home orders and ensure public safety, we understand that COVID-19 is imposing ongoing financial strain on many families and businesses. That's why ComEd is voluntarily extending through at least June 1, 2020, its suspension of disconnections for customers who cannot afford to pay their electric bill. We are also extending our

waiver of new late payment charges through the same period. So, **if you were disconnected prior to our suspension of disconnections, please contact our customer care team at 800-334-7661, M-F from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., so that we can work to safely restore your service.** A ComEd customer care representative can work with you to try to identify a flexible payment arrangement or financial assistance option. Information about these options are also available at [ComEd.com/CARE](http://ComEd.com/CARE).

## **TODAY'S NEWS RELEASES FROM ILLINOIS.GOV**

- [Public Health Officials Announce 2,049 New Cases of Coronavirus Disease](#)
- [State of Illinois to Open Two Additional Drive-Thru COVID-19 Testing Facilities](#)

## **CANCELED PUBLIC EVENTS**

- National Drug Take-Back Day (April 25)
- Police Pension Board Meeting (April 27)
- Community Clean-Up Day (May 2)
- Race for 102 (May 2)

## **ADDITIONAL COVID-19 RESOURCES**

- [Village Coronavirus webpage](#)
- [State of Illinois Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Response Website](#)
- Text "TALK" or "HABLAR" to 552020 for Mental Health Counseling
- Text "UNEMPLOYMENT", "FOOD", or "SHELTER" to 552020 for Assistance
- Call: 833-673-5669 for Help with COVID-19 Symptoms
- [IDPH Map of Confirmed COVID19 Cases by Zip Code](#)
- IDPH Hotline: 1-800-889-3931
- IDPH Email for Questions about COVID-19: [dph.sick@illinois.gov](mailto:dph.sick@illinois.gov)
- IDPH Email for Info on State COVID Response: [Gov.COVID19stakeholder@illinois.gov](mailto:Gov.COVID19stakeholder@illinois.gov)
- [Cook County Department of Public Health COVID-19 Surveillance Data](#) - Monday - Friday 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Cook County Hotline: 708-633-3319
- Cook County Email: [COVID19@cookcountyhhs.org](mailto:COVID19@cookcountyhhs.org)
- Cook County Alerts: Text "alertcook" to 888-777

*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.*

**Village of La Grange Park**