



Daily COVID-19 Briefing

March 26, 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.

PLAYGROUND CLOSURES

The Community Park District understands that access to open space in a safe manner is critical to the physical and emotional wellness of our community. In compliance with Executive Order 2020-10, all playgrounds and indoor park district facilities are closed until further notice. Green spaces, athletic courts and fields will remain open so long as no more than 10 people are present at one time. Please be aware that the Executive Order will be enforced by the La Grange Park Police Department. If you have concerns regarding the number of people congregating in public spaces, please call the non-emergency response number 708-352-2151.

We encourage all users to follow these recommendations:

- Refrain from using parks if they are exhibiting symptoms.
- Follow CDC's guidance on personal hygiene prior to and during use of parks or trails.
- Limit the size of gatherings including outdoor picnicking, pick-up sports and other group activities to 10 or less, and maintain proper physical distance at all times.
- Observe CDC's minimum recommended social distancing of 6 feet from other individuals at all times. If this is not possible, users should find an alternate location or depart the space.

COOK COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE CLOSURES

Due to concerns associated with the COVID-19, the Forest Preserves of Cook County is cancelling all public events, volunteer activities and permitted events, and closing some locations (*including all public restrooms, nature centers, campgrounds, nature play areas, permit offices and the Swallow Cliff Stairs*) through **May 11**.

While many Forest Preserves sites remain open as a resource for fresh air, exercise and access to nature, the District asks visitors to follow their [visitor precautions](#) to ensure your visit to a preserve or time on the trail is as safe as possible. [Click here](#) for the latest information on whether a site is open to the public. The Forest Preserve District reminds visitors to:

- Use Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) guidelines on hygiene before, during and after your visit:
 - Do not visit the forest preserves if you are sick or experiencing symptoms.
 - Wash your hands before and after visiting.
 - Carry and use hand sanitizer if you touch surfaces like handrails.
 - Cover your coughs and sneezes (preferably with a disposable tissue).
- Keep a minimum distance of six feet from other trail users at all times.
- **Warn others on the trail of your presence and step off the trail when necessary to maintain six feet of distance.**
- Bring your own food and water-do not use drinking fountains or water pumps.
- Carry any trash out with you, particularly used tissues or food wrappers.

WANT TO HELP? HERE'S HOW

Sew Masks for Health Care Workers

Joann Fabrics has free mask sewing kits available and anyone can take as many as they like. Once the masks are completed, they can be returned to Joann's *and*

Joann's will distribute them to the area hospitals. To view the program online, [click here](#).

Donate to Plymouth Place Pantry

Plymouth place has over 100 CNA's, therapists, dietary, hospitality and maintenance employees working 12-hour shifts to keep residents at Plymouth Place healthy and safe. Many of these dedicated employees are single parents who are finding it difficult to secure needed food and supplies for their families after a long shift. To support these employees, Plymouth Place has established a pantry to help provide for their employees' families. Plymouth Place is currently looking for donations of non-perishable food and toiletries or monetary donations. If you are able to donate goods, please email your name and address to PPCommunications@plymouthplace.org. Donations may be left on your front porch and a volunteer will come pick them up. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please [click here](#). More information on the program can be found [here](#).

Donate or Volunteer:

- **Share Food, Share Love Food Pantry** (Brookfield). The Pantry is open every Tuesday from 7:00 p.m to 9:00 p.m and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and serves all residents of the Villages of Brookfield, Hodgkins, La Grange Park, Lyons, McCook, North Riverside and Riverside who are in need of food assistance. Donate or volunteer by [clicking here](#).
- **Interfaith Community Partners**(La Grange) is currently shopping and delivering groceries for people 75 or older in the communities they serve who have no other means to safely get food and household supplies. To request the service or volunteer, call 708-354-9328.
- **Jen's Guest House** (Willow Springs). Prepare and deliver meals free of cost to older adults, families with special needs, disabled individuals, and anyone in need during this difficult time. Currently delivering to: La Grange, La Grange Park, Burr Ridge, Hodgkins, Countryside, Justice, Western Springs, and Lemont. If you are or know a person in need of a meal, please contact Jen's Guesthouse at 708-839-8000 or dee@jensguesthouse.com.
- **Westchester Food Pantry** (Westchester). The

Pantry is currently offering prepacked bags of food. They are open every Friday night from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Donations are needed. [Click here for more information.](#)

- **Provisio Township Meals on Wheels** is available for curbside pick-up. Pick-up is available at Provisio Community Café, 1609 36th Ave Melrose Park. Pick-up hours are 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Monday - Friday. Prior to coming, seniors should call 708-316-7488 to confirm that food is still available. Seniors may choose from one hot meal or 5 frozen meals.
- **Francis Xavier Food Pantry** (La Grange) serves the 60526 & 60525 zip codes. Pick-ups are Tuesdays 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. For more information, [click here.](#)

TODAY'S NEWS RELEASES FROM ILLINOIS.GOV

[Public Health Officials Announce 673 New Cases of Coronavirus Disease](#)

VILLAGE HALL

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.

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

The Village has several resources available for residents. Click the links below for more information.

[Food, Household Essentials & Takeout Resources](#)

[Donate or Volunteer to Help](#)

[Village Emergency Alert System](#)

[COVID-19 Information & Cook County/IDPH Contact Information](#)

ADDITIONAL COVID-19 RESOURCES

- [Illinois Department of Public Health](#)
- IDPH Hotline: 1-800-889-3931
- IDPH Email for Questions about COVID-19: dph.sick@illiois.gov
- IDPH Email for Info on State COVID Response: Gov.COVID19stakeholder@illinois.gov
- [IDPH Press Release March 5, 2020](#)
- [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
- [Cook County COVID-19 Guidelines](#)
- [CDC List of COVID-19 Fighting Products](#)
- [Fire Department Information](#)
- [Mitigation Strategies for Community Transmission of COVID-19](#)

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