




COVID-19 Public Health

ORDER FOR MAY AND JUNE 2020 SPECIAL EVENTS

Issued: April 24, 2020
Effective: Immediately
Expiration Date: June 30, 2020



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Pursuant to Village of Oak Park Resolution 20-120 dated March 13, 2020, the Oak Park Village Board has declared an emergency affecting the public health due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 disease pursuant to Section 8-10-5 of the Illinois Municipal Code, 65 ILCS 5/8-10-5, and Sections 2-6-10, 2-27-9 and 20-1-6(Z) of the Oak Park Village Code. Said emergency has been extended through May 5, 2020 pursuant to Village Resolution 20-124 dated April 6, 2020. Pursuant to the resolutions, the Village's Public Health Director has the authority to make "reasonable rules, regulations and orders . . . as may from time to time be deemed necessary for the preservation and improvement of the public health and for the suppression of disease."

ORDER

1. Illinois Governor JB Pritzker's issued a stay at home order on March 20, 2020 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-10 (COVID-19 Executive Order No. 8) (hereinafter referred to as the "Stay at Home Order"). Governor Pritzker's Stay at Home Order has been extended through April 30, 2020 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-18 (COVID-Executive Order No. 16).
2. Governor Pritzker announced on April 23, 2020 that he will issue a further executive order to extend his March 20, 2020 Stay at Home Order through May 30, 2020 with certain modifications.
3. At the time of the issuance of this Order, Governor Pritzker has not issued his executive order extending his Stay at Home Order through May 30, 2020.
4. Governor Pritzker's Stay at Home Order provides that local governments may adopt "provisions that are stricter" than those contained in his Order. COVID-19 Executive Order No. 8 at Section 1(18).
5. Pursuant to my authority as the Village's Public Health Director set forth above, I have determined to issue this Supplemental Order with regard to special events for May and June 2020 due to the outbreak of COVID-19 disease in the Village of Oak Park ("Village") in order to implement the social distancing requirements set forth in Governor Pritzker's Stay at Home

Order.

6. This Order is subject to the Governor's Stay at Home Order and any extension of the Stay at Home Order Governor Pritzker may issue.

7. The best way to prevent the COVID-19 disease is to avoid being exposed to the virus. At the time of the issuance of this Order, the disease is mainly spread from person-to-person, between people who are in close contact with one another within about six (6) feet through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes or talks. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs.

7. Everyone has a role to play in slowing the spread of COVID-19 disease and protecting themselves, their family, and their community.

8. All special events and public gatherings of ten (10) or more persons scheduled for the months of May and June 2020 are prohibited.

9. For purposes of this Order, "special events" are as defined in Section 30-1-1 of the Oak Park Village Code as follows:

SPECIAL EVENT: An organized, nonpermanent, public gathering or assembly on public property that is not Village sponsored or cosponsored and includes, except as set forth in subsection C of this definition, the following:

A. Gatherings or assemblies that are conducted entirely or partially on public property at a specified location for activities such as, but not limited to, markets, ceremonies, celebrations, shows, festivals, exhibitions, pageants, circuses, entertainment, theatrical productions, sidewalk sales, sporting events, games or similar activity.

1. A public gathering or assembly shall be considered to be partially conducted on public property only if some portion of the core activity of the gathering or assembly occurs on or is planned to occur on public property or a structure or structures are temporarily placed, or planned to be placed, on public property to be part of or to serve the gathering or assembly. Temporary signage identifying the gathering or assembly which does not damage public property or create a public nuisance or hazard shall be permitted on the day of the event and shall not be considered a structure for purposes of enforcing this subsection.

B. Parades, or processions of any kind, which move from place to place upon public property along a specified route and include marches, races, walks, walk-a-thons, runs, marathons, bicycle runs, bike-a-thons, demonstrations or similar

activities that do not comply with the normal or usual traffic regulations or controls or are likely to impede, obstruct, impair or interfere with the free flow of vehicular traffic and/or other normal activities.

10. Special events also prohibited under this Order, but not defined as a “special event,” shall include an organized, nonpermanent, public gathering or assembly on public property and private property and including but not limited to ceremonies, celebrations, shows, festivals, exhibitions, pageants, circuses, musical concerts, and theatrical productions, sidewalk sales, sporting events, competitions or games in public parks.

11. For indoor events/gatherings, such as school events, faith-based events and similar events, planned for June 2020, I will issue forthcoming guidance that is compatible with any guidance from the Illinois Department of Public Health or mandatory statewide orders.

12. I strongly encourage that any special events that would fall under this Order that are scheduled to occur in July 2020 be canceled or postponed.

13. I recommend that Oak Park residents and businesses refer to the following public guidance set forth in the linked web pages below regarding current social distancing recommendations in order to protect themselves and others:

- [Village of Oak Park COVID-19 Resources](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control & Prevention: Social Distancing, Quarantine, and Isolation](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control & Prevention: Use of Cloth Face Coverings to Help Slow the Spread of COVID-19](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: How to Protect Yourself](#)
- [Illinois Department of Public Health: Social Distancing Measures](#)
- [Illinois Department of Public Health: Guidance on the Use of Masks by the General Public](#)

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