



VILLAGE OF DEERFIELD

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Staff Report

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Background

In response to the COVID-19 global pandemic, the Village commenced remote operations effective March 16, 2020. This report will include an overview of the current status of the virus and an update of the Village's operations and continuity of service.

Current Status

Governor Pritzker's Stay at Home Order for Illinois residents has been extended through April 30, 2020. Governor Pritzker has also ordered that all schools will be closed for in-person learning for the remainder of the school year.

Today, Mayor Rosenthal issued a Supplemental Order requiring all persons over the age of five to wear a face covering to include their nose and mouth while engaging in the following activities:

1. Working in or patronizing Essential Businesses and Operations that are open to the public such as grocery stores, restaurants, hardware stores, financial institutions and any home or curbside delivery carriers.
2. Engaging in essential activities such as shopping for necessary supplies and services, seeking medical supplies or medications, visiting a health care professional.
3. Working in or visiting an indoor construction site.
4. Performing landscape services.
5. Riding in public transportation, taxis, or ride share vehicles.

A business owner or operator must refuse admission or service to any individual who fails to wear a face covering.

Two important items to note about the Supplemental Order are:

1. First, medical-grade masks and N95 respirators are not recommended for general public use and should be reserved for use by health care and medical providers and first responders.
2. Second, the Supplemental Order will take effect on Wednesday, April 22, 2020 at 12:01 a.m.

Additional information about today's Supplemental Order is available on the Village's website.

The Illinois Department of Public Health Reports:

There are a total of 30,357 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 1290 deaths in the state; 2,162 cases are confirmed in Lake County and at least 50 cases are confirmed in the Village.

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Illinois Test Results

Positive 30,357
Deaths 1,290
Total Tests Performed* 143,318

*Total tests performed and reported electronically for testing of COVID-19 at IDPH, commercial or hospital laboratories. Deaths are included in the number of positive cases

All numbers displayed are provisional and subject to change.

Information last updated on 4/19/2020.

Information to be updated daily.

Center for Disease Control - COVID-19 in the U.S.

- Total cases: 746,625
- Total deaths: 39,083
- Jurisdictions reporting cases: 55 (50 states, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, Northern Marianas, and US Virgin Islands)

Government Coordination and Communications

The Village continues to remain in regular communication with federal, state and local government agencies and resources. This includes public health professionals, the Governor’s Office, neighboring municipalities, sister agencies and state elected officials. These efforts help to ensure a unified approach to combating the virus.

Last week Mayor Rosenthal launched the #DoItForDeerfield campaign in response to the outpouring of residents and businesses asking how they can help. Residents have donated homemade cloth masks for seniors, signed up to deliver food to shut-ins, signed up to be a “Senior Buddy” to make well-being calls. There is so much good happening in our community and the #DoItForDeerfield campaign is intended to showcase it. Residents and businesses are encouraged to share pictures and stories about community support in action during the pandemic by sending e-mail photos, videos and messages of thanks and support to DoItForDeerfield@deerfield.il.us or by posting it on social media with the hashtag #DoItForDeerfield. Visit the campaign at www.DoItForDeerfield.com

The Village is also coordinating communication efforts with the DBR Chamber of Commerce to promote our local businesses and communicate policy changes, such as the new face-covering requirement. Staff met with the Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce this morning to establish a plan for advising and supporting the business community as they adapt to the new face covering Order. In partnership with the Village, Chamber personnel will be providing the approximately 80 essential businesses that are operating in the Village with a 1-page information sheet about the Order, a supply of non-surgical facemasks, and signage to post in their windows advising customers of the new requirement.

Additionally, this week the Chamber of Commerce will be using the community texting program to send the policy update directly to the phones of over 500 subscribers. Once again, to sign up for the community texting program residents need to text the letters “DBR” to 55678.

The Village also recognizes this is a special time for the graduating seniors at DHS as well as the graduating students at District 109. Staff is working with the schools districts to identify ways that the Village can help support recognition of the 2020 graduating class. More information will be shared as plans are finalized.

Mayor Rosenthal issues a weekly Mayor's Message updating the community on COVID-19 related matters. These updates along with other relevant information are sent to residents and business via the Village's e-blast system, posted on the Village's website and run on the government access cable channel.

Village of Deerfield Services and Continuity of Operations

As a reminder, and consistent with the Governor's Stay at Home Order, Village buildings are closed to the public until at least April 30, with the exception of the Police Station, which has a public vestibule with 911 access that will remain open. Essential Village services will continue to be provided remotely or by appointment, as appropriate.

The Police Department is enforcing the Governor's Stay At Home Order as well as the Village's Supplemental Orders and offenders will be cited, if necessary. The Police Department is joining other law enforcement agencies across the nation in a new social media initiative, known as Books and Badges, designed to educate, comfort, and encourage young children. The weekly video series will feature an officer reading a children's book with the intent that parents and caregivers share the video with their children. Books and Badges provides an opportunity for the Deerfield Police Department to reinforce the positive relationship they have built with the community. The first book in the series was read by School District 109 School Resource Officer Lauren Maldonado. The video has been well-received with over 2,200 views on Facebook. Three additional weekly videos are planned with different police officers in each video, with the ability to film more depending on interest and engagement.

The Finance Department is reviewing the financial impact of the pandemic on the Village. Economically sensitive revenues such as sales tax, hotel tax, motor fuel tax and the food and beverage tax are expected to be negatively impacted in the short term. A formal recommendation regarding the financial impacts will be presented to the Village Board shortly. Vehicle sticker sales are planned to begin in May, as usual. Residents will be receiving vehicle sticker applications in the mail and residents can purchase their sticker online, through the mail, or by using the dropbox at Village Hall. Staff will work with residents who are unable to purchase their sticker due to COVID-19 complications. This year's sticker commemorates the 100 year anniversary of the League of Women Voters and the ratification of the 19th amendment. Stickers must be displayed by July 1.

The Community Development Department continues to process permits and conduct inspections during regular business hours. A majority of the inspections are for residential properties but large commercial projects are also continuing to move forward. The Plan Commission will host a video conference meeting on April 23. The Appearance Review Commission will hold its first video conference meeting later in May.

All five divisions of the Public Works Department are operational. The Water and Sewer Divisions are making both routine and emergency repairs on Village infrastructure. The Street Division has been street sweeping and repairing Village owned parking lots. Additionally, the Engineering Division is responding to localized flooding calls after wet weather events and overseeing capital projects on Woodvale Avenue, Knollwood and Dartmouth.

The Administration Department is working closely with the Mayor and Village departments to ensure essential Village services continue uninterrupted. Department staff continues to prepare and issue regular and timely communication updates to the public, utilizing all of the Village's communication modalities. Staff is actively working to prepare a condensed version of the May/June issue of D-Tales that will include only the most critical public information. The Information Technology Division has been integral in the ability for services to continue remotely. Staff has established a new remote video conferencing platform that will allow future Village Board meetings and subsidiary Board and Commission meetings to be held via video conference. This will include key functionality such as the ability for the video conference to be recorded, participants to be placed on

auto-mute, screen sharing, and a virtual “waiting room” The public will be able to access the meetings by viewing a webstream at www.deerfield.il.us/watch, on the Village’s Government Access Channel, or by phone if they want to listen to the audio only. Staff is also working with the Deerfield High School Earth Works Club to continue a partnership around Earth Day and Arbor Day.

As a reminder, Waste Management has increased the size of their crews in an effort to increase efficiency and reduce the amount of time it takes to service the Village. As a result, residents need to ensure they have their refuse and recycling totes at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on the day of their scheduled pick up.

Also, several professional landscape services have been observed working in the Village on Sundays. Please be advised that landscape services and other construction related activity are prohibited from working on Sundays and holidays.

For More Information

Visit the Village’s website for regular updates and to sign up for the Village’s e-newsletter.

Conclusion

Remember, social distancing does not mean social isolation. Please continue to communicate with friends, family and neighbors. And please continue to stay at home and only leave for essentials. Do it for you, do it for your family, do it for our essential workers. #DoItForDeerfield.