

COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Information

March 10, 2020

The Village of West Dundee has been closely monitoring reports and recommendations from our local, state, and national health agencies regarding COVID-19 (commonly known as Coronavirus) and continues to seek the latest updates to prepare for the well-being of our employees, residents and daily visitors.

Last week, Village President Nelson participated in a meeting with regional leaders, sponsored by the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus and led by Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot. The purpose of the meeting was to touch on preparedness efforts, explore opportunities for collaboration, share communication and information resources and consider next steps.

Public Safety personnel from the QuadCom Dispatch area have and continue to coordinate and implement best practices to ensure the safety of first responders and those with whom they come into contact. On Friday of this week, Community Unit School District 300 will host a meeting with area first responders to coordinate proactive response protocol should our community be directly impacted.

The overall consensus as we learn more about this COVID-19 virus is to be aware and prepare, exercise healthy habits and stay informed. Best practices include handwashing, staying home when sick and covering your cough.

There are no confirmed cases in the Village of West Dundee as of March 10, 2020. However, the first confirmed case in Kane County was announced today. The cases include a Kane County woman in her 60s and a McHenry County teen, neither of whom had a history of travel to an affected area and no connection to a known case of COVID-19.

“As we anticipated, the number of cases in Illinois is increasing and now includes the first cases outside of Chicago and Cook County,” said IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike. “The State of Illinois continues to take action to reduce spread of COVID-19 in Illinois and we again want to encourage people to start thinking and preparing now in the event they are not able to go to work, if schools are closed, if public transportation is not available, and how else their lives will be disrupted by this outbreak.”

If you feel sick with a fever, cough, or have difficulty breathing; or if you have been in contact with someone confirmed with COVID-19, please call your health care provider and notify them of your symptoms and any recent travel. Your health care provider will determine if you need to be seen in the office and if so, will provide special instructions to prevent exposing others.

Steps to help minimize the risk of spread:

- **Everyone:** Use the same daily health precautions you would for flu including washing your hands frequently using soap and water or using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol, covering your cough and sneeze, and staying home when sick.
- **Health care:** Screen patients and visitors for symptoms of respiratory illness such as fever, cough, and difficulty breathing; wear proper personal protective gear such as gowns and masks when needed, and have employees stay home when sick.
- **Day cares, schools, universities:** Review emergency plans, absenteeism policies, and cleaning procedures; identify strategies for alternative learning mechanisms such as on-line programs; and consider postponing or cancelling student exchange programs.
- **Businesses:** Review emergency and continuity of operation plans, revisit sick leave policies, and assess schedule flexibility.

- **Community and faith organizations:** Review emergency plans and communicate with community members if events and services are changed, postponed, or cancelled.

Below are links to related websites regarding the coronavirus outbreak, as well as sources used for this notice:

Federal: Center For Disease Control (CDC)

Coronavirus Disease 2019 Website

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

Interim Guidance:

Get Your Household Ready for Coronavirus Disease 2019

www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/get-your-household-ready-for-COVID-19.html

Businesses and Employers to Plan and Respond to Coronavirus Disease 2019

www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/specific-groups/guidance-business-response.html

Get Your Mass Gatherings or Large Community Events Ready for Coronavirus Disease 2019

www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/mass-gatherings-ready-for-covid-19.html

Illinois Department of Public Health

Coronavirus Disease 2019 Website

www.dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/diseases-a-z-list/coronavirus

For questions about Coronavirus call or email (available 24/7):

1 (800) 889 - 3931

DPH.SICK@ILLINOIS.GOV

Kane County Health Department

<http://kanehealth.com/>

Coronavirus Disease 2019 Website

<http://kanehealth.com/Pages/Menu-Disease.aspx>

First Confirmed Coronavirus Case in Kane County

<https://kanecountyconnects.com/2020/03/covid-19-daily-update-kane-county-sees-its-first-coronavirus-case-idph-news-conference-scheduled-for-230pm/>

Sources of Information Shared Herein:

IDPH Press Release "Public Health Officials Announce First Coronavirus Disease Cases Outside Chicago and Cook County" dated March 10, 2020

<https://www2.illinois.gov/Pages/news-item.aspx?ReleaseID=21228>

City of Aurora Coronavirus Update dated March 3, 2020

<https://www.aurora-il.org/2150/Public-Health-Updates>