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MEMO FOR RECORD 3/10/2020

TO: Village Residents, Employees and Elected Officials

FROM: Mayor Keith Pekau

SUBJECT: Coronavirus

This memo is intended to update you with what I learned on a call that included about 120 to 150 regional mayors and was hosted by the Metropolitan Mayor's Caucus with Mayor Lightfoot of Chicago on March 10th. As of today, some things have already changed. I will make every effort to keep everyone up to date with the latest information. At this point, things will change rapidly. We will see more cases, and unfortunately deaths from this virus.

Current Cases

- There are 11 cases in Illinois on 3/10 (19 on 3/11) and 1 that appears to be community transmission (did not travel outside of the US and doesn't have knowledge of being in contact of anyone infected)
 - Of the 11, 10 people are in good health and not admitted to the hospital: 1 case is in serious condition with underlying health problems
- South Korea: CDC believes that the outbreak is under control
- China: CDC believes that the outbreak is under control
- Italy: CDC states that this outbreak is still not controlled and expanding
- Iran: Iran has not shared much information
- There is less focus right now on international spread,
- More focus on the potential spread in the age 60+

Important Information – Don't panic and remain calm!

- 80% of cases are mild and many people may have and never realize it because it is like the common cold
- 20% of cases are in hospital or ICU but those cases are in the senior population or have underlying health issues
- Emergency supplies will be shared throughout the nation as this will not hit the whole nation at the same time
- Cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze
- Clean surfaces as you normally would
- Wash your hands and if that is not an option use hand sanitizer
- The general public does not need to wear a mask
- If you are sick, stay home, don't touch your face, mouth, nose

Gathering places

- **Schools are not a concern at this time**
- The CDC is not recommending canceling gatherings at this time, but does recommend the older population (over 60) not attend mass gatherings for their own health
- On 3-10 Chicago stated that they are not cancelling events including St. Patrick's Day events, however today they announced that the parade will be postponed
- Cook County and Chicago are trying to move polling locations located in senior facilities to different locations

Who is most vulnerable?

- West Coast transmission throughout elderly population and long term care facilities
 - Protecting this vulnerable population, limiting guests into these facilities (if need be)
 - Still providing meals but not having group meal time, more boxed lunches
- Elderly and infirm individuals are the most at risk
- Individuals with asthma, COPD, diabetes and other underlying health issues that compromise the immune system

What about testing?

- Tests can take a few days to come back, individuals are either kept in the hospital or sent home to be quarantined
- 7 hospitals in IL currently test, 3 labs in IL (Chicago, Springfield and Carbondale) but Quest Labs is coming out with commercial testing to help private/public facilities with testing similar to testing for strep
- Your doctor will know the protocols and order testing
- If someone is tested for the FLU and it comes back NEG. they the provider will test for Coronavirus

Why did Illinois declare an emergency?

- IL Emergency Declaration to help the state be prepared in the event that he virus spreads
 - IL is in the very early stages but if it spreads then it gives the state access to information and financial resources.
- Chicago has no current plans for an Emergency Declaration
 - Chicago has plenty of resources and supplies for all emergency providers,

You can find more information on the Village website www.orlandpark.org/coronavirus.

Thank you,

Mayor Keith Pekau