

VILLAGE OF LOMBARD COVID-19 UPDATE (MARCH 16: 3 P.M.)

The health and safety of the Lombard community and our employees is the top priority of the Village of Lombard. The COVID-19 outbreak is a rapidly evolving situation with new information becoming available every day. The information here is based upon the latest information available but remains subject to change. We appreciate your patience and cooperation during this trying time.

MARCH 16, 2020 UPDATE:

As cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) continue to increase, the Village is following the directions set forth by the CDC and State of Illinois to prevent further spread of the disease. In an effort to protect both our residents and employees, the Village has stayed in close contact with health officials and continues to monitor updates from the Centers for Disease Control, Illinois Department of Public Health and DuPage County Department of Public Health.

Residents are **strongly** encouraged to practice recommended health hygiene and social distancing measures, such as working from home when it's an option, staying home as much as possible, and avoiding public transportation or other places where the public is within close contact to one another. These actions will help reduce the number of people who become sick.

The Village of Lombard takes seriously the advice of infectious disease experts. In response to this evolving situation, the Village is currently taking several proactive and precautionary steps to help prevent the spread of the virus in our community:

LOMBARD RESTAURANTS

- The Village will be adhering to [State restrictions prohibiting indoor dining at local restaurants](#). Many local establishments are posting how they will continue to operate drive-up or drive-thru service in compliance with this directive and residents are encouraged to connect with individual locations and support local Lombard businesses where practicable.
- This State restriction starts at the close of business Monday, March 16 and run through March 30, based on information provided by Governor Pritzker at the press conference held on Sunday, March 15 at 3:00 p.m.

VILLAGE HALL AND MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS

- **Village Hall and municipal buildings will be closed to the public beginning Wednesday, March 18.** It is the Village's highest priority to maintain services to its residents. Village staff will continue to work on-site and remotely to continue offering all essential services.
- Village services will continue. Residents and businesses may continue with Village business online, by phone, or via email. To pay a bill online visit www.villageoflombard.org/payabill or apply for a permit online at www.villageoflombard.org/onlinepermits. Residents may continue to call, email, and use www.villageoflombard.org/reportaconcern.

- The Village Board will meet for its regularly scheduled meeting on March 19, 2020, at 7 p.m., at Village Hall. Residents may watch this meeting as it happens at www.villageoflombard.org/live. Residents are encouraged to submit questions or comments to communications@villageoflombard.org if they wish to participate.
- Please note that an item has been added to the Village Board Agenda, to update Lombard's Declaration of Emergency ordinance. This is not a declaration of emergency, however the Village Board would like to remain proactive by updating the current local code. Should the Village issue a Declaration of Emergency in the future, this would be announced publicly on social media and on www.villageoflombard.org. A Declaration of Emergency will help the Village access Federal funding. In addition, in the event that future Village Board meetings were to be cancelled, if enacted, it would allow the Village to maintain certain administrative functions including the payments of bills and other routine requirements.
- All non-mandated public meetings will be cancelled or/rescheduled.
- In conjunction with other utilities in Illinois, the Village will not be terminating water service or penalizing customers who fall behind on water bill payments. The Village will work with residents and businesses during this difficult time.
- Police and Fire continue to exercise extreme caution and are notified of individuals experiencing respiratory issues, prior to arrival, so as to take additional precautions.
- Public Works will continue to ensure safe and high-quality drinking water to customers and reminds residents to NOT flush wipes.

VILLAGE COMMUNICATIONS AND UPDATES

- We will continue to update residents as new information becomes available.
- Connect with us on Facebook and Twitter for alerts or breaking news.
- Sign up for direct emails at www.villageoflombard.org/epride.

INFORMATION ON CORONAVIRUS

For more background information on the coronavirus and for the latest updates, please use the following links:

- [Centers for Disease Control](#)
- [Illinois Department of Public Health](#)
- [Cook County Department of Public Health](#)