

# **Lake Bluff Government Agencies** **Act To Prevent COVID-19**

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LAKE BLUFF, Ill. (March 13, 2020) – The Village of Lake Bluff, the Lake Bluff Park District, and the Lake Bluff Library are enacting measures to prevent the possible community spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus in Lake Bluff.

The Park District and the Library will close their facilities and offices to the public Friday, March 13, until further notice. Lake Bluff School District 65 and Lake Forest High School District 115 have announced three-week closures affecting all Lake Bluff area students. The Village and the City of Lake Forest previously announced that Dickinson Hall, the area’s senior center, will suspend all programming until the end of March. Village offices will accept visitors only by prior appointment.

These closures are not due to confirmed cases of coronavirus in Lake Bluff and are not at the request of any county, state, or federal agency.

“These measures are not driven by fear or panic, but by the recognition that these incremental actions will protect the most vulnerable members of our community,” said Kathleen O’Hara, Village President.

The Center for Disease Control currently recommends caution for persons aged 60 and older and those with underlying medical conditions. These people should consider staying at home and should avoid public gathering and travel. About one-quarter of Lake Bluff’s population falls into these categories.

Public services such as trash pickup and emergency response will not be interrupted. Polling places have not changed for the Tuesday, March 17 election. The public will have access to parks and outdoor recreation, as well as the Library’s online reading materials and resources. Each agency is exploring how to best continue to serve and help the public during the region’s response to coronavirus.

“We are all doing our best to provide a safe environment during this difficult time,” said Village Administrator Drew Irvin. “Residents should continue to contact us by phone, e-mail, or using our websites.”

The Village, the Park District, and the Library are cancelling all regularly scheduled public meetings until further notice. Special meetings may be called as needed. Notice of any special meeting will be provided as soon as practicable and as required by law.

The Village continues to monitor and plan with its governmental and community partners as the situation develops.

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