COVID-19: Community Health Preparedness

3/5/20 – The Glenview Park District is closely monitoring the coronavirus (COVID-19) health advisories issued by the Cook County Health Department and the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH). Though the current risk to Illinois residents remains low, we are taking steps to prepare and are working closely with the Village of Glenview and our community partners in our planning, response and communication. Additionally, the District has been working with the Park District Risk Management Agency (PDRMA) to determine best practices for controlling the spread of infectious disease.

According to the Illinois Department of Public Health, there are other respiratory viruses like influenza currently circulating in Illinois. Fever, cough, and difficulty breathing are symptoms associated with all of them. Therefore, anyone exhibiting these symptoms should not be assumed to have COVID-19. If you, or anyone in your family, develop such symptoms, we urge you to contact your medical provider immediately.

We encourage you to continue every day practices to keep healthy:

- Cover your mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing or by coughing into the inside of the elbow. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- Wash hands often especially before eating and after contact with public surfaces. Wash with soap or alcohol-based hand cleaners for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Try to avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- People who are sick should stay home and avoid contact with other people until they are well.
- See your doctor if you have a fever, cough, body aches and fatigue.

The Park District is monitoring information daily from the CDC and IDPH and staff are updating procedures accordingly. The Park District is asking you to do your part to contain the spread of the coronavirus – stay home or keep your child home from Park District programs and facilities if there have been signs of the flu or if you are not feeling well. If a member of your family contracts the COVID-19, please contact Kara Moss at 224-521-2288 and let us know the person’s name, date the COVID-19 was diagnosed, and programs the person is registered for with the Park District.

Check back on our website for updates as they are available.

If you are looking for more information about COVID-19, you can find each agency’s information at the following websites:

- Centers for Disease (CDC)
- Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH)
- Cook County Public Health