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TO: Village Residents, Employees and Elected Officials

FROM: Mayor Keith Pekau

SUBJECT: Coronavirus

Today I participated in a call hosted by Governor Pritzker. First I will give you my key takeaways and I will follow with other information gleaned from the call.

Key Takeaways

- **Don't panic.** This is a serious issue, but there are plans in place and it is being dealt with. Panic will make it worse.
- As of this morning, there are 32 cases in Illinois and this week had the first cases that appeared outside of Cook County.
- The Governor has directed that all events > 1,000 people be cancelled and is recommending to municipalities that all events >250 people are cancelled as well.
- Election Day will go on as planned on March 17th.
- We need to continue to use common sense hygiene (wash hands, cover nose and mouth when you sneeze/cough, etc.) and stay home if you are sick
- If you are sick or are concerned that you may have been exposed to coronavirus **do not** rush to your doctor, hospital or emergency room. Instead:
 - Isolate yourself (stay home, stay in your office, etc.)
 - Call your doctor and follow their directions
 - **We want to ensure that our medical system is not overrun out of fear and is there to treat people who are actually sick – I cannot overemphasize this**

Important Information – Don't panic and remain calm!

- The Disaster Proclamation in Illinois was done for several reasons:
 - It expands staff across the state
 - It makes it easier to receive federal agency support
 - It activates the state disaster relief fund and allows the state to apply for federal assistance
- There are 3 active labs in the state (Chicago, Springfield and Carbondale)
 - Chicago tested 300 people yesterday, numbers for others not available
 - Private labs are being brought up to speed so they can assist with testing in the future
- Worldwide there are over 140,000 cases with approximately 5,000 deaths

- The U.S has over 1800 cases with 41 deaths as of this morning
 - 30 % of cases are travel related
 - 45% of cases are direct contact
 - 25% of cases have no clear connection at this time
 - Majority of cases are isolated at home, some isolated at the hospital
 - Over 50% of cases are 60+ years of age

This is the latest information that was given to me today. Please remain calm and follow good hygiene practices. You can find more information on the Village website www.orlandpark.org/coronavirusinfo.

Thank you,

Mayor Keith Pekau