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Wood Dale Park District's Ongoing Monitoring of Developments Regarding the Coronavirus

The Wood Dale Park District is closely monitoring developments regarding the global spread of COVID-19, also known as the Coronavirus. Our priority is the health, safety and well-being the Wood Dale community. We continue to monitor this situation and are looking to the guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), the Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH) and other health authorities as we strive to ensure that all Park District stakeholders are informed of our efforts to manage the Coronavirus disease.

As of this morning, there were three more confirmed cases of Coronavirus in Illinois, with two individuals quarantined in hospitals and the spouse of one individual at home in isolation. There currently are 286 suspected cases in Illinois that are being closely monitored. While that number seems large, the IDPH confirmed 263 cases of the flu in Illinois for the week of February 22, 2020, the most recent week they've reported.

There currently is no vaccine to prevent Coronavirus, though scientists and researchers are working to develop one. The CDC and IDPH are stressing that the best way to prevent contracting the illness is to avoid being exposed to the virus. Wood Dale Park District's ongoing standard sanitizing practices include the disinfection of surfaces in our facilities, including all classrooms, bathrooms, sitting areas, front desks and floors. We are in the process of distributing sanitization products to our facilities.

We're sharing these CDC recommendations with you, which are also recommended for stopping the spread of other viral infections like colds and the flu:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick whether you're at work, in the community, or at home.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, mouth and face. People tend to touch their faces numerous times throughout the day, which can easily transmit viruses.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue and then throw the tissue away in the trash. If you don't have a tissue at hand, please cough or sneeze into your arm near your elbow.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or disinfectant wipes, both at work and at home.
- Follow the CDC's recommendations for using a facemask. "The CDC does not recommend that people who are well wear a facemask to protect themselves from respiratory diseases, including COVID-19," the CDC stated. "Facemasks should be used by people who show symptoms of COVID-19 to help prevent the spread

of the disease to others." The use of facemasks is also crucial for health workers and those caring for individuals in close settings, such as at home or in a hospital or healthcare facility.

- Wash your hands often with soap and water frequently for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty. If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.

As developments are announced regarding the containment and spread of the Coronavirus, we'll continue to inform the Wood Dale community about our response plans, especially as it relates to possible absences of staff and patrons, the rescheduling or cancellation of programming, and/or the closing of facilities. We will continue to receive guidance from the CDC, the IDPH and the CCDPH and will share information with our staff.

Thank you for your cooperation as we work to secure the health and safety of the Wood Dale community.

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