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Public Safety Measures

The City of Highland Park Police Department will maintain an increased presence throughout the community tonight as reports of property damage and theft continue in the region. While there are no verified threats to Highland Park, the Police Department is taking the following actions to maintain public safety and protect residents and businesses:

- Increasing patrols in all business districts and residential areas
- Increasing the number of uniformed officers on patrols
- Coordinating with area law enforcement agencies on a regular basis
- Communicating regularly with local business owners
- Providing the public with updates via the City's enews, business news, social media and web site
- Providing the public with updates on the City of Highland Park social media accounts, as needed. Urgent updates will be communicated through the City's eNews, emergency notification system, [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#), and [website](#). If you haven't done so already, please sign up for Smart 911 to receive time sensitive emergency alerts to your phone via text or phone call. Sign up at www.smart911.com.

As a precautionary measure, the following exits on Rt. 41 will be closed from 9:00PM until 6:00AM beginning this evening and continuing nightly until further notice:

- Exits onto east- and west-bound Park Avenue West
- Exits onto east-bound Central Avenue and west-bound Deerfield Road
- Exits onto east- and west-bound Clavey Road

Exits onto east- and west-bound Lake Cook Road will NOT be closed.

This is a precautionary measure intended to allow the City to deploy its resources most effectively and efficiently. These closures are in line with steps taken by other communities to the south of Highland Park to close exit ramps.

The City of Highland Park fully supports the right to peaceful protest. Consistent with our values and Hate Has No Home Here beliefs, the City is

committed to doing its part to create a more just, equitable, and fair society.

Business Safety Information

Please consider taking precautionary measures to ensure the safety of your employees and businesses. Considerations include:

- Ensure alarm and video systems are in working condition and activated.
- Bring in and/or secure equipment, displays, tools, construction materials and other loose items that could be used to vandalize property.
- Consider closing early if you have late hours.
- Consider having two employees in your business at all times.

All businesses and residents are encouraged to continue to exercise caution and to be aware of their surroundings. If you see suspicious activity or feel unsafe, please call 911.

Additional Resources

Essential Business FAQs - Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity

COVID-19 Emergency Resources For Businesses - Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity

Emergency Small Business Grant & Loan Assistance - Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity

COVID -19 Small Business Survival Guide - Illinois Small Business Development & International Trade Center

Illinois Department of Revenue Covid -19 Tax Relief

Illinois Department of Insurance (DOI)

Highland Park Chamber of Commerce COVID-19 Toolkit

Lake County Health Department

NorthShore University HealthSystem

Illinois Department of Public Health

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

For general business inquiries, contact the City's Business Development Manager Carolyn Hersch at chersch@cityhpil.com.

For more information on the City's response to COVID-19, contact the City's Communications Manager Amanda Civitello at acivitello@cityhpil.com.

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