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Family Assistance Center and Community-Led Counseling Team at Highland Park High School Extended

*Victim and survivor assistance services will continue through Friday,
July 15 at Highland Park High School (433 Vine Ave.)*

Highland Park, Illinois – In partnership with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the American Red Cross, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) and the Lake County Emergency Management Agency (LC EMA), the City of Highland Park and Township High School District 113 announce the extension of the Family Assistance Center (FAC) and community-led counseling services located at Highland Park High School, 433 Vine Ave. The FAC will be suspended on Sunday to give the community and volunteers a day to process, rest, and renew for next week.

The FAC and community-led counselors will continue to serve individuals and families impacted by the July 4 mass shooting at the Highland Park 4th of July Parade through Friday, July 15. Daily operating hours are 11 AM– 7 PM. Individuals should enter the High School through the H-Entrance. The H-Entrance is located on the north side of the school, near St. Johns Avenue and Woodpath Lane.

“We are so grateful for the continued support of our local, state, and federal partners in extending the services of the Family Assistance Center and community-led counseling services to the survivors and victims’ families who were impacted by the tragedy on July 4,” said Mayor Nancy Rotering. “The 4th of July parade welcomes guests of all ages from communities all along the North Shore, and assistance from the experts at the FBI and other agencies is absolutely essential in serving the complex needs of the victims in our diverse community. The professionalism and care of these highly-trained individuals, especially crisis counselors, is especially invaluable as our community begins the difficult recovery process.”

Support and crisis assistance services available at the FAC include mental health services, spiritual care, and financial assistance if needed. Individuals in attendance at the parade or family members of those who were injured or deceased during the events at the Highland Park 4th of July Parade may benefit from support services. Victims include not just those who are physically injured, but also those who may be

experiencing emotional distress as a result of their attendance at the incident. Community-led counseling services are also available to anyone impacted by the July 4 incident.

Personal belongings retrieved from within the incident area are available for pick-up at the FAC. Individuals should bring a valid form of identification for check-in. Items not within the incident area are available for pick-up on the north side of the lawn at City Hall (1707 St. Johns Ave.).

All affected individuals and families should feel safe accessing support services at the FAC and agencies available on hpstrong.info, regardless of immigration status.

To learn more about services at the FAC and other providers, visit **hpstrong.info**.

A Spanish translation of this release will be issued as soon as it is received.

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