

## **COVID-19 case in Tinley Park**

Issued: March 20, 2020

The Village would like residents to be aware that there has been a confirmed case of COVID-19 in Tinley Park.

On the evening of March 17, 2020, one of the Village's Kurtz EMS Ambulance crews transported a patient to Silver Cross Hospital. Silver Cross notified the ambulance crew the morning of March 20 that the patient test came back positive for COVID-19. EMS personnel were wearing personal protective equipment (PPE) and decontaminated per IDPH guidelines. Out of the abundance of caution, the EMS crew is self-isolating.

This same EMS crew came in contact with staff at Fire Station 48. Per CDC guidelines, all employees that were in contact with this crew are to self-monitor for symptoms. So far, no Village personnel have tested positive or exhibited any symptoms of the virus. As a result of this exposure, Fire Station 48 was temporarily taken out of service as a precaution while being decontaminated. Cleaning at the station has been completed, and the building is back in service.

The Village's first responders are very well-trained and wear PPE to help mitigate against health or safety risks.

Please be advised that both Illinois Department of Public Health and the CDC recommend that if anyone experiences mild symptoms of COVID-19, to stay home, isolate themselves and contact their doctor.