

O'Fallon Police

Neighborhood Watch Newsletter – September 2020



Remote learning for the beginning of the 2020-21 school year has presented unique challenges for teachers, students, and parents. Several [O'Fallon Police](#) Officers recently participated in the “Jump Start” initiative to help Physical Education teachers at O'Fallon schools keep their students active in the virtual classroom.

Lieutenant Mike Mojzis, Officer Mike Adamson, Officer Brett Johnson, and Officer Adam Heuser demonstrated a variety of workouts set to an upbeat soundtrack at several locations around the Public Safety Facility. The video was posted to YouTube and you can view it here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6NaXh5JhLn8&feature=youtu.be>



If you want to continue your workout, [O'Fallon Fire Rescue](#) and [Emergency Medical Services](#) also teamed up to make a video for the students, which you can view here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KcUayetB9cY&feature=youtu.be>

WHAT IF WE ASKED YOU TO WEAR THE BADGE

"I am asking you to take up the challenge.
It matters. **NOW MORE THAN EVER.**"

Eric Van Hook

Chief of Police | O'Fallon, Illinois



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The O'Fallon Police Department is dedicated to proactively solving problems and protecting life and property through education, prevention and enforcement. In striving to accomplish this mission, service to community is our commitment; honor and integrity our mandate.



It's
Back!



OPD will resume our free prescription drug drop off program on the **first Saturday of each month**. We will take your unused or unwanted medications for safe disposal from **11 AM – 1 PM**. This will take place in front of the Public Safety Facility (285 N. Seven Hills Rd.), if weather permits, or inside the lobby. Safely disposing of medications:

- Keeps the medication out of our water supply
- Keeps addictive and dangerous medicine from falling into the wrong hands

***We cannot take any needles, inhalers or liquids**



2020

Disasters Don't Wait.
MAKE YOUR PLAN TODAY.

National Preparedness Month (NPM) is recognized each September to promote family and community disaster planning now and throughout the year. As our nation continues to respond to COVID-19, there is no better time to be involved this September.

The 2020 NPM theme is: "**Disasters Don't Wait. Make Your Plan Today.**"

For more information visit
<https://www.ready.gov/>

WEEK
1

Week 1 September 1-5: [Make A Plan](#)

Talk to your friends and family about how you will communicate before, during, and after a disaster. Make sure to update your plan based on the Centers for Disease Control recommendations due to the coronavirus.

WEEK
2

Week 2 September 6-12: [Build A Kit](#)

Gather supplies that will last for several days after a disaster for everyone living in your home. Don't forget to consider the unique needs each person or pet may have in case you have to evacuate quickly. Update your kits and supplies based on recommendations by the Centers for Disease Control.

WEEK
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Week 3 September 13-19: [Prepare for Disasters](#)

Limit the impacts that disasters have on you and your family. Know the risk of disasters in your area and check your insurance coverage. Learn how to make your home stronger in the face of storms and other common hazards and act fast if you receive a local warning or alert.

WEEK
4

Week 4 September 20-26: [Teach Youth About Preparedness](#)

Talk to your kids about preparing for emergencies and what to do in case you are separated. Reassure them by providing information about how they can get involved.

Update Regarding COVID-19 Mitigations as of 09/01/20

RESTORE
ILLINOIS

Resurgence Mitigations for Region 4

ANNOUNCED 9/1/20 | EFFECTIVE 9/2/20

Region 4 has exceeded IDPH criteria that trigger additional mitigations to combat a resurgence of COVID-19 and prevent uncontrollable spread. As detailed in the July 15 Restore Illinois resurgence plan, new mitigations will be applied if a region's positivity rate averages greater than or equal to 8 percent for three consecutive days, as it did in Region 4 from August 14 to 16, 2020. Since the positivity rate in Region 4 has averaged greater than or equal to 8 percent for 14 days since initial mitigation measures were implemented on August 18, additional mitigations are required. Region 4 includes Bond, Clinton, Madison, Monroe, Randolph, St. Clair and Washington counties.

Effective September 2, Region 4 will operate under these new mitigation requirements:

SETTING	MITIGATION REQUIREMENTS
Bars	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All bars close at 11:00pm• No indoor service• All bar patrons should be seated at tables outside• No ordering, seating, or congregating at bar (bar stools should be removed)• Tables should be 6 feet apart• No standing or congregating indoors or outdoors while waiting for a table or exiting• No dancing or standing indoors• Reservations required for each party• No seating of multiple parties at one table
Restaurants	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All restaurants close at 11:00pm• No indoor dining or bar service• Tables should be 6 feet apart• No standing or congregating indoors or outdoors while waiting for a table or exiting• Reservations required for each party• No seating of multiple parties at one table
Meetings, social events and gatherings (including weddings, funerals, potlucks, etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Limit to lesser of 25 guests or 25% of overall room capacity both indoors and outdoors• No party buses• Gaming and Casinos close at 11:00pm, are limited to 25 percent capacity, and follow mitigations for bars and restaurants, if applicable
Organized group recreational activities (fitness centers, sports, etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No change• All Sports Guidance effective August 15, 2020, remains in effect• Outdoor Activities (not included in the above exposure settings) continue per current DCEO guidance

IDPH will continue to track the positivity rate in Region 4 over a 14-day monitoring period to determine if mitigations can be relaxed, if additional mitigations are required, or if current mitigation should remain in place. If the positivity rate averages less than or equal to 6.5 percent over a 14-day period, the region will return to Phase 4 mitigations under the Restore Illinois Plan. If the positivity rate averages between 6.5 percent and 8 percent, IDPH will continue to monitor the region to determine if additional mitigations are needed. If the positivity rate averages greater than or equal to 8 percent after 14 days, more stringent mitigations will be applied to further reduce spread of the virus.

Follow the latest regional metrics at: <https://dph.illinois.gov/regionmetrics>