



Dear Village of Richton Park Resident:

The COVID-19 virus has presented an unprecedented challenge. The Officers and Civilians under my command are dedicated to serving this community without hesitation or reservation. As your Chief of Police, it is my responsibility to ensure that police services are delivered reliably without interruption. In my endeavor to do so, you may notice that our delivery of those services will appear different in the days and weeks to come due to the COVID-19 pandemic. I am confident that we will overcome this challenge by staying informed, remaining patient, and following direction from medical professionals, the Cook County Department of Public Health, the Illinois Department of Public Health, and the U.S. Center for Disease Control.

With this in mind, it is necessary for me to implement temporary police response protocols to attempt to eliminate the threat of the COVID-19 virus on our police officers and civilian personnel.

- Calls to 9-1-1: When you speak to a police telecommunicator at our dispatch center (SouthCom), you will be asked a series of questions that you may feel is unimportant. Please remember, in the law enforcement world, information is vital to our safety. Please be patient with the SouthCom telecommunicators. They work very hard and they are asking those questions to keep you and our police officers safe.
- Please do not enter the Richton Park Police facility if you, or a person with whom you reside, have a fever or had a fever within the last 24 hours.
- Please do not enter the Richton Park Police facility if you traveled outside of the United States within the last 14 days.
- Please do not enter the Richton Park Police facility if you are experiencing flu-like symptoms, a cough, sore throat, or shortness of breath.
- Please be assured that the Richton Park Police Officers will respond to high priority / emergency calls for service. The Shift Supervisor will monitor each call for service from SouthCom and ensure the proper response.
- If your call for service requires a response to your residence, please step outside to communicate with the officer if possible. Please understand that we will not be shaking hands and will attempt to avoid physical contact when possible in accordance with the recommendations of health experts.
- The Police Records Department will be open to the public on a limited bases. Copies of reports and payments for citations may take more time than usual.



My staff and I are monitoring the COVID-19 pandemic 24/7. I am in constant contact with Village President Rick Reinbold and Village Manager Regan Stockstell. We will continue to post informational links on the Village of Richton Park website as well as on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook. As always, please do not hesitate to contact the police department's non-emergency number, 708-283-6393 ext. 230 if you have any questions or concerns.

Chief Elvia Williams

