



## A Joint Message from the Village of Lombard and the Lombard Park District



As concerns about coronavirus continue to grip our nation, our highest priority remains the health and well-being of our residents, employees, and first responders. We are **ALL** in this together.

The Village of Lombard and the Lombard Park District are working together to implore our community to adhere to the Governor's Stay-at-Home Mandate and to follow guidelines from the CDC, including social distancing.

While many of our community members are doing their part to flatten the curve and help save lives, others are disregarding the Governor's Executive Order and the CDC guidelines, including ignoring playground closure signs, continuing to congregate in groups in neighborhoods, and gathering for outdoor sports and recreational activities. **At this time, one's personal enjoyment must take a back seat to public safety and the wellness of all.**

We understand that staying at home can be challenging. We believe that the many parks, trails, and open spaces can continue to be used in a safe manner that allows people to enjoy the mental and physical health benefits these spaces provide. However, it is **not acceptable to congregate in groups.**

The Lombard Police Department and the Lombard Park District are working cooperatively together on enforcement, including dispersing groups using playgrounds or athletic fields. Lombard Police are monitoring these areas and ask for your voluntary compliance.

### Help Us Help You! Tips on how you can help:

- Refrain from using parks/trails if you or someone in your household are exhibiting symptoms of illness,
- Follow CDC's guidance on personal hygiene prior to, during, and after the use of parks or trails.
- Pack and utilize disinfecting wipes and hand sanitizers.
- Warn other visitors of your presence as you pass on trails/paths and step aside to let others pass.
- Avoid congregating in neighborhoods and parks. Do not gather in groups for sports or picnicking.
- Always observe the CDC's minimum recommended social distancing of 6 feet from other individuals. If this is not possible, find an alternate location or park.
- Teach children the importance of social distancing and help them find other ways to connect with friends. **Stress the importance of being responsible and respectful of others.**

We hope to continue providing safe opportunities for the community to get outside and enjoy fresh air, but **if forced to do so, further steps may need to be taken in order to protect the public from the spread of COVID-19.** The Village and the Park District will continue to monitor and act on recommendations from our federal, state and regional public health partners. We appreciate your commitment to these principals. We will get through this together #LombardStrong.

Sincerely,

Your Village of Lombard and Lombard Park District