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Dear Schiller Park Residents and Businesses:

It is clear we are all living through extraordinary times requiring unprecedented actions that many of us have never envisioned. I wanted to let you all know the Village staff including the elected officials are monitoring events in real time and modifying services as needed to protect our employees and you, the residents and businesses. We will continue to use the village web site ([villageofschillerpark.com](http://villageofschillerpark.com)) and Facebook account as our primary sources of messaging as they are the fastest way to communicate on a widespread basis. We have the capability to send out messages via telephone when necessary and if the situation requires, but will utilize this service sparingly.

Village staff remains on the job via telephone and email although there have been modifications to our normal service and delivery methods. The Village facilities that are normally open for personal interaction remain closed at this time. The facilities that are currently closed to the public include the Village Hall, Community Center, Recreation Center, and Community Development Building.

Rest assured that our first responders remain prepared to respond as needed, but you will notice additional personal protective equipment protocols in place for their safety so please understand that such efforts are not to alarm anyone but are precautionary. Additionally, Village infrastructure systems remain safe and maintained by our public works staff, including our water supply which is monitored regularly. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has stated that Americans can continue to use and drink water from their tap as usual. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), along with the EPA, has stated that COVID-19 has not been detected in public drinking water supplies.

As you are aware, the Governor's "Stay at Home" order took effect last Saturday, March 21, 2020, and as a result, many Schiller Park businesses are suffering due to a lack of customers, workers, and usually both. I would like to encourage you to support our Schiller Park businesses. Many local restaurants remain open for delivery or carry out; please check the Village web site for information or call them directly. Use our gas stations to fuel your cars. Shop for your groceries, snacks and beverages at our convenience, grocery and liquor stores. This is **your** opportunity to support **our community** by making your purchases **HERE**.

Some final thoughts I would like to share with you: The resiliency of the human spirit and the core values of our residents and business owners will be challenged during this time, but collectively we are stronger. Collectively we share in the sacrifices necessary for the greater good. Collectively we will face this difficult journey, one without an immediate end in sight, and when the end of this pandemic arrives, we will be stronger from the experience because

we will have endured it as a community. We are, after all, Schiller Park. We take care of each other and we grow stronger with every passing challenge.

Thank you for choosing Schiller Park as your community and I speak on behalf of the village board and administration in saying that we are humbled to lead such a great community. We hope that you, your family and friends are safe during this historic time.

Very truly yours,

VILLAGE OF SCHILLER PARK

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nick Caiafa". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Nick Caiafa  
Village President