

The Village of Northfield

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Weekly Update

You are doubtlessly aware that recently there has been an increase in COVID-19 cases in Illinois. We are seeing it in Northfield, too, where in the span of one week, the number of COVID-19 positives increased by 51 cases. This brings the total number of cases diagnosed in Northfield since last March to 245. This dramatic jump in cases presents a clear warning to us all. Everyone would like to celebrate Thanksgiving next week with the normal panoply of friends and family. Unfortunately, this year it is best to give serious thought to reducing the size of your family gathering. Apart from that, remember the basics: wash your hands, wear your mask, and watch your distance.

Northfield Branch Library Reopening

Monica Dombrowski has been chosen as the new Library Director of the Winnetka-Northfield Public Library. The staff has enjoyed getting to know her and look forward to making positive changes at the Library to better serve our communities. The Library has shared the following updates for your information:

Reopening of the Northfield Branch Library

Effective November 11, the Northfield Branch Library opened for curbside service on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, and will be open to the public on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. The Library is returning to a dedicated Northfield staff. You can look forward to seeing your familiar (masked) faces at the Branch, with staff subbing in district-wide to cover when needed.



For safety reasons, the Library is asking that patrons aged two years and up wear a mask and maintain a safe social distance of six feet from others. **The Library will be limiting capacity to the building. If it reaches capacity, staff may ask you to form a queue outside until someone exits. The Library asks that you limit your visit to no more than one hour a day to give others a chance to use the Library.**

District Hours

In an effort to simplify and expand access, the Library is changing its hours district-wide. Effective Monday, November 9, the hours for each location are as follows:

Winnetka: M-SAT 10 a.m.-6 p.m., SUN 1 p.m.-5 p.m.: Building open to the public/curbside service all days;

Northfield: M-SAT 10 a.m.-6 p.m.: Building open to the public W, F, SAT; curbside service on M, T, TH.

Studio Reopening Coming Soon

The Library is working on creating a dedicated staff for The Studio at the Winnetka Library and plans to reopen that space on an appointment-only basis. More details will follow as plans develop.

Top Workplace Award Winners

I am pleased to report that two of Northfield's most notable businesses – Medline Industries and College of American Pathologists – have received the Chicago Tribune's prestigious Top Workplace awards. Winners are identified by a firm that surveys employees at nominated Chicago-area employers with at least 100 employees. Employees are questioned about workplace issues including leadership, execution, and connection. Winners are then named in large, mid-size, and small categories.



Medline Industries, which is a past winner of this award, placed tenth this year in the category of large employers. In addition, Medline president, Andy Mills, is the sole recipient of the Special Award conferred for leadership in the category of large employers. Medline has played a leading role this year in furnishing personal protective equipment to first responders. Medline supplied PPE for Northfield's own first responders at a time when PPE was difficult to obtain. Also, Medline donated most of the equipment that Northfield's first responders needed to create an advanced life support engine squad.

I am also pleased to announce that Northfield's College of American Pathologists won a Top Workplace award in the field of mid-size companies. Northfield is proud to be the home of this medical society, which is the world's leading organization of Board-certified pathologists.

Joan Frazier
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