



Public Health Update

Last updated: March 20, 2020

All municipal offices, recreation facilities and playgrounds are CLOSED to the public until further notice. All Township personnel will still report to work and will be available via telephone and email during normal business hours - Monday through Friday from 8:30am to 4:30pm.

Recreation Information:

- All Township fields, playgrounds and tennis courts are closed until further notice.
- All recreational sports, programs, activities and events are suspended until further notice.
- Senior Citizen meetings and activities have also been postponed.
- Essex County has also closed all county parks.
- During the restriction of public access to Town Hall, please be reminded that payment for 2020 Pool Memberships may be made online.

Municipal Building (Tax/Water, Building Department):

- While the municipal building remains closed to the general public, if you would like to make a payment towards your property taxes or water bill, you can drop off the payments by check, money order or certified check in the secure mailbox located in the front of the municipal building. Until further notice, the Township is not accepting cash payments.
- You may also drop off any senior citizen forms or documents in this mailbox.
- As an additional note, payments can be made by mail or by using the Township's online payment system. You can also use the Township's website to look up any property tax or water bill information. To make payments or to use as a look-up for taxes of water, click on "Online Payments" on our home page.
- Town Hall lobby will be open to obtain building, planning, zoning and fire prevention permit applications. All payments for such permits may be placed in the secure mailbox located in the front of the building. There will also be a drop box located in the lobby to drop off applications.

Per Governor Murphy's Order:

- Closure of all pre-K, K-12 schools, colleges, and universities
- Closure of all casinos, racetracks, gyms, fitness centers, movie theaters, performing arts centers and other concert venues, nightclubs, and other entertainment centers
- Closure of all personal care facilities, including but not limited to, social clubs, barber shops, hairs salons and nail salons.
- Banning of large gatherings.
- Restaurants will be permitted to offer takeout and delivery.
- All non-essential and non-emergency travel in New Jersey is strongly discouraged between the hours of 8:00 PM AND 5:00 AM. This will remain in effect for the foreseeable future. We want everyone to be home – and not out.



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- Essential businesses which are necessary for the public's health, safety, and welfare – like supermarkets and grocery stores, pharmacies, medical offices, and gas stations – may remain open past 8:00 PM.

PSE&G

- PSEG has suspended Shut offs on Electric and Gas for Nonpayment.
- PSEG has closed all Customer Service centers on a temporary basis.
- All Non Critical repair work with Electric and Gas Services is suspended temporarily.
- Following is a useful website that can be posted in your community for Customers:
- <https://nj.pseg.com/safetyandreliability/safetytips/coronavirus>

Other contact information:

- All residents with questions or concerns about COVID-19 and resources available to them can call 2-1-1. NJ 211 is New Jersey's statewide, comprehensive information and referral service operated by United Ways of New Jersey.
- Residents can also text NJCOVID for 898-211 to receive text information and stay informed. To receive live text assistance, residents can text their zip code to 898-211.

Additional information can be found on the following websites:

- NJ Department of Health <https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/ncov.shtml>
- Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/index.html>
- National Institutes of Health (NIH) <https://www.nih.gov/health-information/coronavirus>

The Township is following CDC, State and County public health recommendations regarding the spread of the virus and urge the public to do the same. Recommendations are as follows:

- Follow good respiratory hygiene recommendations. Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or sleeve, not your hands.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water. Use alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
- If you are feeling sick, please stay home. Avoid sick people as best you can.
- Review and follow CDC travel advisories when planning travel. If you become ill after returning home to the United States, **call** your healthcare provider before going to a doctor's office or emergency department of a hospital. They may want to place a mask on you before you enter the building to protect other people.