

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE WARREN TOWNSHIP HEALTH DEPARTMENT



Warren Township Continues to be on High Alert *COVID-19 Update - March 12*

Township Officials have been active in dealing with planning and response for the Coronavirus. Mayor Mick Marion has been participating in daily conference calls conducted by Somerset County Freeholder Director, Shanel Y. Robinson, along with all of the Mayors throughout Somerset County and obtaining briefings from various Township officials.

The Office of Emergency Management (OEM), led by Jane Asch, OEM Coordinator, has been preparing plans and has conducted a meeting of the Warren Emergency Management Council, as well as attending educational sessions conducted by the Somerset County OEM.

The Warren Township Committee has received regular communication from the Health Department and OEM.

Township Departments have been directed by the Township Administrator to prepare response plans for continuing operations in the event that Town Hall may be required to adjust operations. No changes to operations have been made at this time.

Mayor Mick Marion stated that the Township Committee will remain vigilant to ensure that the Township is prepared to respond to the Coronavirus and to ensure the safety of Warren Township residents.

The Warren Township Health Department, as part of the Middle-Brook Regional Health Commission, is following up on all reports and questions regarding Coronavirus in our community and works collaboratively with local health officers across the County, including the County Health

a public health emergency in New Jersey. This action grants certain authorities to the State Health Commissioner and solidifies the coordination of the public health response throughout the County. The Warren Health Department is still responsible for activities within Warren; however, since diseases do not respect borders, coordination and communication is essential for a successful response.

George Lazo, Deputy Mayor and Health Liaison, urges all Warren Township residents to wash their hands, maintain proper hygiene and avoid contact with others who are sick in order to mitigate the spread of the Coronavirus.

Because of the uncertainty of the COVID-19 outbreak, certain community actions to keep people healthy, reduce exposure to COVID-19 may be implemented to slow the spread of the disease.

These actions include maintaining or increasing the distance between people, promoting common-sense health habits, and encouraging the proper cleaning and sanitizing of surfaces. These interventions are among the best ways to control a virus when vaccines are not available.

Additional daily health precautions that can prevent the spread of the Coronavirus and other diseases:

- Wash hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds each time.
 - When soap and water are not available, the public should use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are ill.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.
 - Do not reuse tissues after coughing, sneezing, or blowing your nose.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces that are touched frequently.
- Stay home when you are sick.

To stay informed, residents can visit www.coronavirus.gov, which links to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, or the World Health Organization at www.who.int.

As information is continually evolving, the Township will provide updates as necessary.

