

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE WARREN TOWNSHIP HEALTH DEPARTMENT



Warren Township Continues Efforts to Control New Coronavirus

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On Monday, March 2, 2020, Warren Township Mayor Mick Marion convened a meeting of first responders, Office of Emergency Management, school officials, and health officials to receive a presentation regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19). Warren Township Health Officer and Director of the Middlebrook Regional Health Commission, Kevin Sumner, presented the latest information regarding COVID-19 to assure a consistent message and that partners have the most current information.

Mr. Sumner shared that while media reports about the spread of the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) continue, it should be noted that **the immediate risk to the general public remains low at this time**. Further, your local health officials remain vigilant in monitoring and response to this new coronavirus by collaborating, planning, and meeting with partners including local, state and federal governmental partners. Mr. Sumner met last week with federal partners including a meeting at the White House led by U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar.

If you have general questions, the New Jersey State Department of Health, in partnership with the New Jersey Poison Information and Education System, has made available a 24-hour hotline to answer the public's questions. **You can contact them at 1-800-222-1222.**

As with all respiratory illnesses, you can help protect yourself and others by practicing the following.

- **Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with 60% or greater alcohol.**
- **Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.**
- **Avoid close contact with people who are sick.**
- **Stay home when you are sick.**
- **Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.**
- **Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.**
- **Be aware of current travel advisories at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>**

There has been a lot of attention recently to the use of masks. **CDC does not recommend that people who are well wear a facemask to protect themselves from respiratory diseases, including COVID-19.**

For more information, please contact the Health Department at 732-968-5151 or 908-753-8000, Ext. 239 or NJPIES at 800-222-1222. In addition, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at www.cdc.gov, the NJ Department of Health at www.nj.gov/health, or the Commission at www.middlebrookhealth.org.

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