

**WARREN TOWNSHIP  
EMERGENCY DECLARATION**

**TO ALL THE CITIZENS AND PERSONS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF WARREN, LOCATED IN SOMERSET COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, AND TO ALL DEPARTMENTS, DIVISIONS, AND BUREAUS OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF WARREN TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY.**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the powers vested in us by Chapter 251 of the Laws of 1942 as amended and supplemented by N.J.S.A. APP 9-30 et. Seq. and N.J.S.A 2C:33-1 et. Seq., we have declared that a local disaster/emergency exists within Warren Township, New Jersey; (“the Township”); and

**WHEREAS**, the aforesaid laws authorize the promulgation of such orders, rules, and regulations as are necessary to meet the various problems which have or may be presented by such a disaster/emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, by reason of the rapidly evolving spread of the novel Coronavirus, COVID-19, and the need for government operations to address the spread of COVID-19, which may further affect the health, safety, and welfare of the people of the Township and exacerbate existing conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined that certain measures must be taken in order help contain and mitigate the spread of COVID-19, and to ensure that the proper authorities will be able to maintain law and order, and further, in order to protect the residents affected by the conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township is hereby designated an emergency area.

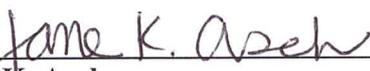
**NOW, THEREFORE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH** the aforesaid laws, the Township does hereby promulgate and declare the following regulations shall be operative effective immediately in addition to all other laws of the State of New Jersey and the County of Somerset and the Township;

- 1. The Warren Town Hall will not be open to the public (“the Public”). The Public will utilize online payment options if available, U.S. Mail or drop box service at Township Offices for taxes, licenses, permits and other local business.*
- 2. The Public is requested to utilize phone, and/or email to make routine inquires and/or report information to the Township. Alternative procedures may be authorized by the Township Administrator. As conditions permit, Township employees will staff respective offices but utilize methods to limit exposure.*
- 3. The Police Department is limiting in-person contact to emergencies only. Citizens should contact the Police Department via telephone for non-emergency matters.*
- 4. Parks, playgrounds, basketball and tennis courts, and other athletic facilities will be closed to any and all organizations and groups of a size greater than seven (7) persons, including family members.*
- 5. Restaurants and all other businesses are encouraged to establish policies that limit contact with and between the public to the greatest extent possible. Nothing in this Declaration is intended to limit hours of operation beyond the normal operating and closing hours. Businesses may extend hours, unless superseded by Order of the State.*

6. *Township sponsored recreation events are canceled through the end of April.*
7. *All residents are encouraged to work from home and avoid any social gatherings. All businesses should use good faith measures to enable work from home capabilities for their employees.*
8. *Residents are asked to cancel all in-person meetings and to use conference calling and other forms of electronic communications.*
9. *All residents are asked to practice "social distancing" of six (6') feet from others, frequent hand washing, stay home when sick and other appropriate hygiene to prevent the spread of the coronavirus.*
10. *Since this an ongoing and rapidly evolving situation, modification of this Emergency Declaration may occur as conditions warrant.*
11. *Residents will be required to follow State-mandated orders, such as curfews and non-essential travel.*
12. *This Emergency Declaration shall be posted in at least five (5) conspicuous places within the Township, published at least once in an official newspaper, and posted on the Township's website.*
13. *Nothing in this Emergency Declaration is intended to limit the personal activities and actions of families within the Township other than the recommendations relative to frequent hand washing and personal hygiene.*
14. *The Emergency Management Coordinator, in concert with the Mayor, shall have the right to call upon regular and auxiliary law enforcement and emergency response agencies and organizations within or without the Township to assist in preserving and keeping the peace and in enforcing the terms and conditions of this Emergency Declaration during the period of emergency.*
15. *This Emergency Declaration shall be of a duration determined to be in the best interests of the residents and businesses of the Township and shall be terminated only by a subsequent Declaration that such emergency no longer threatens the public safety, health and welfare of such residents and businesses.*

DATE: March, 15, 2020

TIME: 18:30 Hours

  
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Jane K. Asch  
Emergency Management Coordinator  
Office of Emergency Management

  
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Michael C. Marion  
Mayor