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From the Howell Township Governing Body:

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To the residents of Howell Township,

We are writing to update you on the status of Howell Township and Township Operations. First and foremost, as of the writing of this update, there have been **NO** confirmed cases of COVID19 affecting Howell residents reported to Howell Township Officials.

Our Municipal building remained closed to public access at this time. If any business needs to be conducted with Township Officials, we request it be done so via telephone or email at this time. If any paperwork or payments need to be dropped off at Town Hall, there is a Dropbox at the rear entrance. This can be used for any paperwork being delivered. We ask that you place your correspondence in an envelope with it clearly marked for its intended department within the Township; along with your contact information should there be any follow up questions. Should your paperwork (plans, large envelopes) not fit into the DropBox, there are several larger bins left outside that can be used. No money should be left in these bins. The Township has updated our ability to take credit card payments through our website for various other Township related business. Please click [here](#) to make those payments. As this format was rushed, please follow up with the department selected on the next business day to ensure payment was received by the appropriate department. Please refer to [SAVE THE TRIP](#) for instructions on contacting various Township Departments.

Currently, portions of our Township parks remain open for passive recreation only, such as exercising, hiking/walking and jogging. Any playground equipment or areas that would cause a group to congregate (Basketball courts, etc.) are not available and are currently being signed by DPW. We continue to encourage our residents to maintain Social Distancing as recommended by the CDC, as one of the greatest ways we can all contribute to fighting the spread of COVID-19.

Finally, we ask that residents use 9-1-1 for actual emergencies. Unfortunately, as people fearing the unknown, there has been a marked increase in calls for service for 'flu-type' symptoms. While we understand that there is a significant fear, our EMS, Medical facilities and their resources are being stretched beyond capacity. The Township is starting to receive reports

that some medical providers will be able to test for the Corona virus in the near future. We will help roll out this information as it comes available, but encourage residents to consult with their Primary Care Physician initially, and whenever possible.

Howell Township encourages you to continue to support our local small businesses. Their suffering has been compounded by recent orders of closure. Many food establishments are maintaining hours for delivery and curbside pick-up. Please refer to [LOCAL ESTABLISHMENTS](#) for a resource of our local food establishments. Also refer to the [CHAMBER OF COMMERCE](#) as a resource to support local business.

Please continue to monitor the Howell Township website, <http://www.twp.howell.nj.us/covid19>, where we will be posting regular updates as they come available. Additionally, we have implemented a phone number, **732-961-5111** where the information contained in this letter will be conveyed. This number should be made available to any person who may not have a computer or internet access.