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From the Howell Township Governing Body:

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To the residents of the Township of Howell,

As of 1:00 p.m. today (March 13, 2020), there have been no positive cases in Howell Township.

On Monday, March 16, Howell Township Public Schools will be closed for a FULL DAY staff in-service.

Beginning Tuesday, March 17 through Sunday March 29, the District will officially enact its remote learning plans. Students will not report to school, and they will instead access learning materials and home learning assignments via internet access and/or paper-based assignments sent home. Information will continue to be posted on the district website, via email, or through verified social media accounts.

During Governor Murphy's press conference today, we learned that the statewide total of COVID-19 cases now stands at 50, with 8 in Monmouth County. The state has also launched a [COVID-19 Dashboard](#) which provides updated information including a county-by-county tally of COVID-19 cases, as well as an overall number for the state.

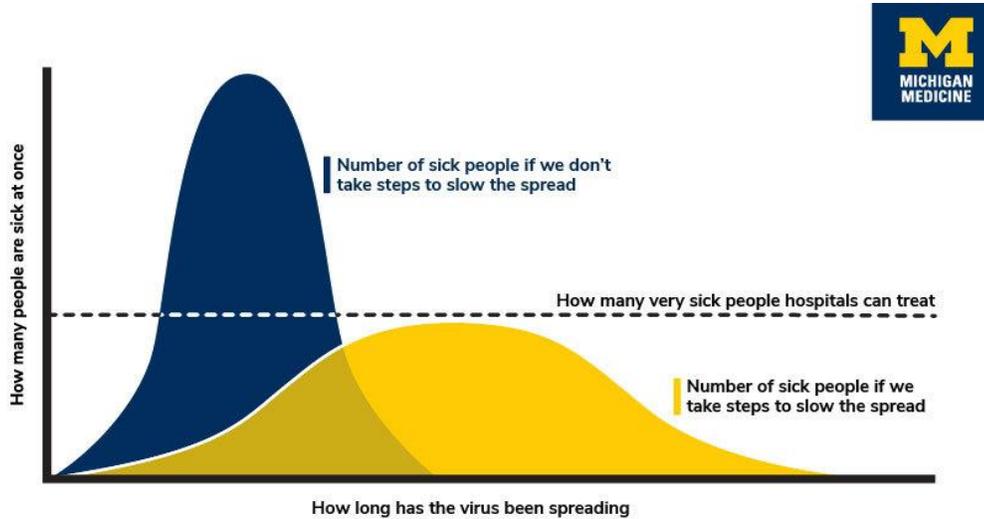
As many of you may be aware, effective Monday, March 16, Monmouth County offices will be closed to the public. Workers will still report to work, but buildings that are typically open to the public will not be.

To help slow or stall the spread of COVID, Howell Township will close Town Hall, located at 4567 Route 9 North, to the public beginning Monday, and lasting for the week. Workers will report as normal. We will update the public if the closure will extend past March 22.

Finally, we have heard reports from around the state about businesses that have engaged in unscrupulous pricing. While we are unaware of any that have occurred in Howell to date, we

remind everyone that given the State of Emergency declared by the Governor, excessive price increases (above 10% of normal cost) are prohibited. If you believe a business has unfairly raised prices during this emergency, you may file a complaint online at www.njconsumeraffairs.gov.

We remain in this together, and we can all play our part. The University of Michigan School of Medicine recently released an infographic showing the importance of “flattening the curve” – in other words, taking strong steps to slow the spread of COVID-19. The graphic below shows just how simple precautions can preserve vital resources for the community.



Adapted from the CDC

With the weekend upon us, and to help “flatten the curve” we would like to remind everyone to maintain social distance, and utilize best practices for hand washing and disinfecting. Many other tips are available on the Township’s website. We will get through this together, and we can all take pride in our efforts to slow the spread of COVID-19.