



# TOWNSHIP OF HOWELL

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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 are **NO** confirmed cases of COVID19 affecting Howell residents reported to Howell Township Officials.

In an effort to comply with direction from the CDC that recommends limiting social contact, all Township buildings will be closed for public access. We encourage the public needing contact with Township offices to do so via telephone or email. A plan is currently being developed that will allow for required 'in-person' visits to be done by appointment only. This plan will be rolled out and posted in the coming days. Our Municipal Court has been ordered closed for the next two weeks. All scheduled cases will automatically be adjourned, during this time. Our Senior Center programs have been cancelled; however Meals on Wheels will still be delivered. Parents of school aged children should rely on the [Board of Education's website](#), for the most accurate information pertaining to students. Howell Township and the Board of Education have been working together in an effort to convey a unified message to all of our residents.

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. Many of these calls do not require a response from our EMS, nor transport to hospitals, which are currently being overwhelmed. Residents are urged to contact their primary care physician for such cases. Additionally, there are other resources available. Please check with your medical insurance to see if they provide a form of telemedicine. Hackensack Meridian Health has provided a system where you can be connected with a Physician on your computer or mobile device by visiting <https://convenientcarenow.com/landing.htm>.

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.