



# TOWNSHIP OF HOWELL

## Office of Emergency Management

Incident Name: Covid-19  
Situation Report: Howell Township/Farmingdale  
Date: April 29, 2020

Changes/updates are indicated in red

Howell Township OEM working in conjunction with the Monmouth County Board of Health, and County Office of Emergency Management, is constantly monitoring the COVID-19 outbreak that is affecting our residents. The below synopsis is current as of April 29, 2020. Keep in mind this information changes frequently as new information is received. For more Monmouth County Information visit [www.co.monmouth.nj.us](http://www.co.monmouth.nj.us)

- All Township parks will re-open effective Friday May 1<sup>st</sup>; for passive recreation only. Playground equipment, basketball, tennis courts and any fields used for team sports shall remain off limits. We must insist that visitors to the park continue to maintain social distancing, as well as using facemasks whenever possible. This decision has been coordinated with several other large towns in the area.
- Howell Township will be extending our grace period to June 1, 2020 for the Second quarter 2020 Property Tax Payment. This action is effective immediately and will be memorialized in a resolution at the Council's next meeting.
- All State operated Parks and Golf Courses will re-open Saturday May 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Pet grooming, pet daycare, and pet boarding businesses shall be considered essential retail businesses, provided that they adopt in-person operation policies that include, at a minimum, the enhanced social distancing practices detailed in paragraph 1 of Executive Order No. 122 (2020).



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- CDC has added Six Symptoms to the COVID-19 List.

**KNOW THE SYMPTOMS:**

<b>CORONAVIRUS</b>	<b>FLU</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Fever</b></li><li>• <b>Cough</b></li><li>• <b>Shortness of breath</b></li><li>• <b>Chills</b></li><li>• <b>New loss of taste or smell</b></li><li>• <b>Repeated shaking with chills</b></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Headache</b></li><li>• <b>Sore throat</b></li><li>• <b>Muscle pain</b></li></ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Fever</b></li><li>• <b>Cough</b></li><li>• <b>Runny nose</b></li><li>• <b>Body aches</b></li><li>• <b>Headache</b></li><li>• <b>Sore throat</b></li><li>• <b>Fatigue</b></li></ul>

- COVID-19 has had an effect on public physical and mental health. A poll has shown that 56% of American adults report stress and/or anxiety from the experience of COVID has affected their mental health in at least one way. Essential and first response workers are greatly impacted on this. If you are struggling you can call the mental health hotline at 866-202-4357 or text 741741 and enter NJ
- The Senior Center is continuing to take donations of food and supplies as is PAL. We continue to work together as we do all year and are making sure that no one is going hungry and seniors aren't being exposed unnecessarily if they do not have to be. If you are in need of food please contact, the Senior Center can at 732-938-4500 x. 2550.



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- MYINSTA Doc located on Route 9 are now testing for symptomatic and asymptomatic patients. Howell residents only between 9-10am. After 10am, both residents and non-residents will be tested. Testing site is at Middle School North in the rear parking lot. Tests will be held on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday between the hours on 9-5. By appointment only. Visit [www.myinstadochowell.com](http://www.myinstadochowell.com) for more information.
- Antibody testing for anyone who tested positive for COVID-19 is now available by appointment only at Myinstadoc located on Route 9. Visit [www.myinstadochowell.com](http://www.myinstadochowell.com) for more information.
- Howell OEM has collaborated with New York Blood Center formally Central Jersey Blood Center located in the Howell Plaza 4068 Route 9, to donate plasma for anyone who tested positive with COVID-19 antibodies. Anyone wishing to donate plasma needs to register at [www.nybc.org](http://www.nybc.org)
- The Department of Labor created a new web portal that allows New Jersey residents to contact the Department of Labor directly. This is a helpful tool for residents who have questions about their applications. To submit a message, residents must go to [www.myunemployment.nj.gov](http://www.myunemployment.nj.gov) and follow the instructions below:
  - On the top navigation, scroll to the right for “Need Help” and unveil the drop down menu
  - Choose Send an Email
  - Choose Email: Submit a message through our new online form.
  - Follow the prompts



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- Tenants Security Deposits Executive Order:  
Upon written request from a tenant, including electronic communication, a security deposit governed by the provisions of N.J.S.A. 46:8-19 et seq., as well as the tenant's portion of the interest and/or earnings accumulated thereon, shall be applied to or credited towards rent payments due or to become due from the tenant during the Public Health Emergency established in Executive Order No. 103 (2020) or up to 60 days after the Public Health Emergency terminates.