



TOWNSHIP OF HOWELL

Office of Emergency Management

Incident Name: Covid-19
Situation Report: Howell Township/Farmingdale
Date: April 30, 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 30, 2020. Keep in mind this information changes frequently as new information is received. For more information on confirmed positive cases, visit the Monmouth County website at www.co.monmouth.nj.us

- All Township parks will re-open effective Friday May 1st; 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 2nd
- 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:

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

- 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
- During this pandemic, our Senior Center has remained committed to the Seniors of Howell Township. The Just in Thyme Senior Cupboard has helped countless seniors in need and is still doing so during this time of crisis. If you are interested in donating, please contact the Senior Center at (732) 938-4500 Extension 2555



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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 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 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
- 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 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.