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PROCLAMATION / EMERGENCY DECLARATION

TO ALL DEPARTMENTS, DIVISIONS AND OFFICES OF THE BOROUGH OF ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND TO ALL CITIZENS OF ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH AND PERSONS WITHIN ITS BOUNDARIES

WHEREAS, PURSUANT TO THE POWERS VESTED IN ME BY CHAPTER 251 OF THE LAWS OF 1942, AS AMENDED AND SUPPLEMENTED, NJSA APP A:9-30 ET SEQ; NJSA 40:48-1(6) AND ORDINANCE PURSUANT THERETO; R.S. 40:87-31 ET SEQ, NJSA 2C:33-1 ET SEQ; AND ALL SECTIONS AND SUBSECTIONS, I/WE HAVE DECLARED THAT A LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY EXISTS WITHIN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, AND MORE SPECIFICALLY THE BOROUGH OF ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS, AND

WHEREAS, THE AFORESAID LAWS AUTHORIZE THE PROMULGATION OF SUCH ORDERS, RULES AND REGULATIONS AS ARE NECESSARY TO MEET THE VARIOUS PROBLEMS WHICH HAVE OR MAY BE PRESENTED BY SUCH EMERGENCY, AND,

WHEREAS, BY REASON OF THE SERIOUS CONDITIONS WHICH PRESENTLY EXIST IN CERTAIN AREAS OF THE BOROUGH OF ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH WHICH MAY AFFECT THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND OR WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE, AND MORE SPECIFICALLY COVID-19 WHICH IS CURRENTLY A PANDEMIC ACROSS THE WORLD.

WHEREAS, IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT THE BOROUGH OF ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY SHOULD BE DECLARED DISASTER AREAS, AND FURTHER, THAT CERTAIN MEASURES MUST BE TAKEN IN ORDER TO INSURE THAT THE AUTHORITIES WILL BE UNHAMPERED IN THEIR EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN LAW AND ORDER AND IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE PERSONS AND PROPERTY AFFECTED BY SAID CONDITIONS,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT I/WE APPLY:

1. Gatherings larger than 50 people in Atlantic Highlands will be prohibited.
2. Gyms will be closing at 8:00 pm on 3/16/2020 and remain closed moving forward.

3. The following facilities are ordered closed to members of the public, effective 8:00 p.m. on Monday, March 16, 2020. These facilities are to remain closed to the public for as long as this Order remains in effect. The State Director of Emergency Management, who is the Superintendent of State Police, shall have the discretion to make additions, amendments, clarifications, exceptions, and exclusions to this list:
 - a. Gyms and fitness centers and classes.
 - b. Entertainment centers, including but not limited to, movie theaters, performing arts centers, other concert venues, and nightclubs.
4. Other non-essential retail, recreational, and entertainment businesses must cease daily operations from 8:00 p.m. until 5:00 a.m.. From 5:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m., these businesses may remain open if they limit their occupancy to no more than 50 persons and adhere to social distancing guidelines. Examples of essential businesses excluded from this directive include: grocery/food stores, pharmacies, medical supply stores, gas stations, healthcare facilities and ancillary stores within healthcare facilities. The State Director of Emergency Management, who is the Superintendent of State Police, shall have the discretion to make additions, amendments, clarifications, exceptions, and exclusions to the list of essential businesses and to the timelines applicable to operating hours.
5. All restaurants, dining establishments, and food courts, with or without a liquor license, all bars, and all other holders of a liquor license with retail consumption privileges, are permitted to operate their normal business hours, but are limited to offering only food delivery and/or take-out services. If alcoholic beverages are to be sold from a restaurant, dining establishment or bar with a liquor license, such sales shall be limited to original containers sold from the principal public barroom. All retail sales of alcoholic beverages by limited brewery licensees, restricted brewery licensees, plenary and farm winery licensees (and associated salesrooms), craft distillery licensees and cidery and meadery licensees must be in original containers and must be delivered by licensed entities and/or by customer pick up.
6. There will be a closure of ALL pre-K, K-12 schools, higher education institutions.
7. Closure of ALL theaters and gyms
8. Closure of ALL non-essential retail, recreational, & entertainment businesses
9. I/we Encourage the public to utilize online payment options for taxes and utility payments and use the drop box at Borough Hall.
10. Encourage the public to use Gov Pilot for reporting of code enforcement complaints, dog license, road repairs, certificate of occupancy etc.
11. Close all municipal work force buildings to the public all week – Monday through Friday through April 17. Offices will continue to be staffed

12. Close Harbor office to the public all week through April 17
13. Close all public buildings to public (DPW, W&S, Sewer, Fire/EMS, Senior, Harbor Shop etc.). If an in-person meeting is necessary at Borough Hall, the downstairs conference room will be utilized.
14. Cancel ALL municipal scheduled and non-scheduled meetings of any kind
15. Mayor and Council meeting for March 26th is being discussed with possible alternatives to in-person meeting.
16. Explore Enhanced disinfecting of Borough Hall, Police, DPW, Harbor office spaces. Prices being obtained by 3rd party vendor.
17. Prohibit official out of state travel and in-state conferences through end of April.
18. Cancel all senior bus and events through end of May.
19. Close all municipal parks
20. Have available N95 masks and gloves for firefighter, EMT and police officer. If not available, fire shall use SCBA.
21. Fire department will not respond to any EMS calls for service
22. Allow police command staff to direct when and where a police officer can enter households for any EMS calls.
23. Coordinate Court Closure with Monmouth County Vicinage.
24. Issue N95 masks and gloves to employees requesting same.
25. Offices / Shop areas closed to the public

Furthermore, in circumstances where an emergency affecting the public health, safety or welfare requires the immediate delivery of goods or the performance of services, a contract may be awarded without public bidding regardless of the bid threshold. N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6 and N.J.A.C. 5:34-6.1 are annexed as an appendix to this Notice. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.12, contracts awarded under such circumstances are excepted from Pay-to-Play due to public exigency. Please note that, pursuant to a November 4, 2016 directive of the State Treasurer, contracting units awarding contracts that fall under the “public exigency” exception are no longer required to file an “emergency procurement report” with the State.

Violators may be subject to fines and penalties. It is incumbent upon all of us to aggressively mitigate the potential for exposure and further spread. We apologize for any inconvenience, but the safety of our business community and the public is our main concern. We appreciate your advance cooperation and understanding during this difficult time. The Borough encourages businesses to be proactive and follow the guidelines of the U.S. CDC which can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/businesses-employers.html>

As part of the state’s coordinated response to address the novel coronavirus outbreak, Governor Phil Murphy declared a State of Emergency and a Public Health Emergency, effective March 9, 2020 to ramp up New Jersey’s efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19. The Borough of Atlantic Highlands Mayor & Council, Administration, Office of Emergency Management, Police Department, EMS and Fire Department continue to monitor the developing situation involving presumptive positive cases of COVID-19 in Monmouth County.

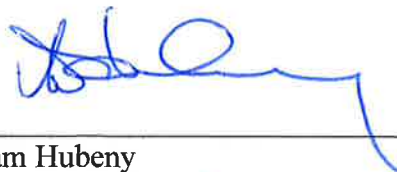
As of March 15, 2020, the Borough of Atlantic Highlands is not aware of any presumptive or confirmed positive cases of the COVID-19 virus in Atlantic Highlands.

For more information, visit the New Jersey COVID-19 Dashboard at https://www.state.nj.us/health/cd/topics/covid2019_dashboard.shtml

Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is the respiratory illness caused by a new virus that first emerged in December 2019. The NJ Department of Health (NJDOH) is leading the state’s response to COVID-19 and is working closely with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. For up-to-date information and recommendations, please visit the NJDOH coronavirus webpage (<https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/ncov.shtml>) and the CDC coronavirus webpage (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/index.html>).

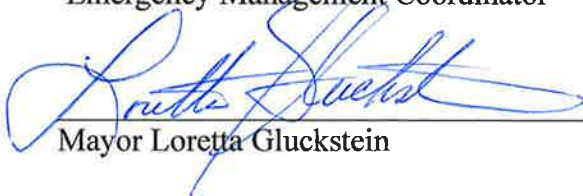
In the end, we will all get through this but I/We are trying our best to make our community a safe environment.

NOW THEREFORE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AFORESAID LAWS, I/WE DO HEARBY PROMULGATE AND DECLARE THAT THE ABOVE CITED APPLICABLE REGULATIONS SHALL BE IN ADDITION TO ALL OTHER LAWS AND/OR ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AND ITS MUNICIPALITIES



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Emergency Management Coordinator

3-16-2020
Date / Time



Mayor Loretta Gluckstein

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