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**LORETTA GLUCKSTEIN - Mayor**

March 23, 2020 - A message from Mayor Gluckstein regarding COVID-19 Coronavirus

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Hello Fellow Residents,

The NJ Department of Health has reported approximately 1,914 confirmed coronavirus COVID-19 cases in the state of New Jersey including approximately 158 in Monmouth County and 1 case in Atlantic Highlands. All of the Monmouth County cases are being monitored by the Monmouth County Board of Health. There is reporting of many who are progressing well in their recovery.

As with previous cases, the person's recent contact history will be investigated by the Monmouth County Board of Health. They will be contacting anyone who has potentially been exposed and coordinating with other local health departments and health care providers. As more people gain access to testing, we expect these numbers to rise quickly in the coming days and weeks ahead.

If you are feeling sick with cough and fever, please stay home and call your healthcare provider for guidance on how to manage your symptoms. If you can manage your symptoms (cough and fever) from home, please do so.

If you are in close contact with a suspected or known case of coronavirus and have questions on what to do, please call the Monmouth County Health Department at 732-431-7456. You can also call 2-1-1 or the state coronavirus hotline, 800-222-1222.

### **Governor Murphy's Stay at Home Order**

On March 21, 2020, Governor Phil Murphy signed Executive Order No. 107 directing all residents to stay at home until further notice. The order provides for certain exceptions, such as obtaining essential goods or services, seeking medical attention, visiting family or close friends, reporting to work, or engaging in outdoor activities.

In an effort to strengthen the existing social distancing measures in place, the order also prohibits all gatherings of individuals, such as parties, celebrations, or other social events, unless otherwise authorized by the Order. When in public, individuals must practice social distancing and stay at least six feet apart whenever possible, excluding immediate family members, caretakers, household members, or romantic partners.

Governor Murphy's Executive Order further directs the closure of all non-essential retail businesses to the public, with the exceptions of:

- Grocery stores, farmer's markets and farms that sell directly to customers, and other food stores, including retailers that offer a varied assortment of foods comparable to what exists at a grocery store;
- Pharmacies and medical marijuana dispensaries;
- Medical supply stores;
- Gas stations;
- Convenience stores;
- Ancillary stores within healthcare facilities;
- Hardware and home improvement stores;
- Banks and other financial institutions;
- Laundromats and dry-cleaning services;
- Stores that principally sell supplies for children under five years;
- Pet stores;
- Liquor stores;
- Car dealerships, but only for auto maintenance and repair, and auto mechanics;
- Printing and office supply shops;
- Mail and delivery stores.

Nothing in the Order shall limit 1) the provision of health care or medical services; 2) access to essential services for low-income residents, such as food banks; 3) the operations of the media; 4) law enforcement agencies, or 5) the operations of the federal government.

The Governor's order also mandates that all businesses or non-profits, wherever practical, must accommodate their workforce for telework or work-from-home arrangements. To the extent a business or non-profit has employees that cannot perform their functions via telework or work-from-home arrangements, the business or non-profit should make best efforts to reduce staff on site to the minimal number necessary to ensure that essential operations can continue.

Examples of employees who need to be present at their work site in order to perform their job duties include, but are not limited to, law enforcement officers, fire fighters, other first responders, cashiers or store clerks, construction workers, utility workers, repair workers, warehouse workers, lab researchers, IT maintenance workers, janitorial and custodial staff, and certain administrative staff.

The Order continues existing bans on recreational and entertainment businesses, requirements that all restaurants operate by delivery and takeout only.

The orders took effect on Saturday, March 21 at 9:00 p.m.

Finally, a new website has been created that is devoted to the pandemic:

<https://covid19.nj.gov/>

### Test Sites

One new testing site will open Monday at the PNC Bank Arts Center off the Garden State Parkway in Holmdel. We have recently seen that other testing sites have run out of testing equipment with hours of opening so plan accordingly.

**Please note:** individuals who are not symptomatic will not be tested. In order to be eligible for testing, individuals must be current New Jersey residents and experiencing symptoms of respiratory illness. Priority will be given to symptomatic individuals experiencing cough, fever (99.6F or above) and shortness of breath.

Testing is free and will be covered by the federal government or personal insurance company. Please bring your insurance card if you have one.

We want to also inform caregivers of the elderly and/or those who have underlying health conditions as well as healthcare providers who are experiencing coronavirus symptoms can get tested at the site.

**Free Resource from Audible**

Audible (stories.audible.com) has launched a free streaming offering that allows consumers to listen to hundreds of titles. The title selections are available in six languages — English, Spanish, French, Italian, German and Japanese. Consumers are not required to create an account or log in and listening is unlimited.

Please be assured that our Borough Employees, under the leadership of Borough Administrator Hubeny, are working tirelessly to implement our emergency management plan. The Business Administrator, as well as your Mayor and Council are in constant contact with local, county, state, and federal government ensuring we are up to date and prepared. Your best source of updated information is our Borough website at [www.ahnj.com](http://www.ahnj.com), so please visit the site regularly. We will be sharing additional information as it becomes available and appreciate your cooperation with the Order.

Atlantic Highlands is a special, tight-knit community and we will get through this together.

Be safe!

Mayor Loretta Gluckstein