March 13, 2020

Residents of Freehold Township:

In the past weeks, as well as in the weeks to come, we will all be faced with the ongoing news about COVID-19 and the implication of both the actual virus, and the growing concern of the public about the uncertainty surrounding the public effect of closures and safety in and around our Township.

Freehold Township maintains our own Heath Department and Health Officer, which allows us an added close source of information and advice on combating the spread of the virus in our Community and throughout our local government operations. We also have the benefit of a close relationship between our Health Department and our local hospital, CentraState Medical Center, making sure that accurate information, rather than rumor and panic, are considered in our efforts.

We are in constant contact with our peers in the County, State and Federal health agencies, as well as Local School Officials, monitoring the flow of information on risk factors and required actions, and we are confident that we will overcome the difficulties that this virus poses for our families, our local infrastructure and our lives.

Consistent with the information you may have already been given, we offer the following information and advice to our Community:

- WASH YOUR HANDS often, with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds, and use an alcohol based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching your face, nose and mouth, and cover coughs and sneezes.
- If you are experiencing symptoms that are suspect or consistent with COVID-19 (dry cough, fever, or shortness of breath) stay home and contact your medical professional for advice. If you are at all sick, you should also stay home and monitor your health and that of your family.
- Wash, clean and disinfect frequently contacted objects like counters and doorknobs.
- Clean/disinfect your phone and frequently touched devices like keyboards and touch screens.

Freehold Township has increased our disinfection and cleaning protocols at our municipal buildings, but we urge residents to use the drop box for payments and to use the online debit card payment option in lieu of visiting Town Hall if that is an option.

We will provide Township residents with any updates we receive on this matter. We look forward to coming together as a Township to combat the spread of COVID-19 and to confirm to the public that they can be confident in their safety and in the safety of their Community.

On behalf of the
Freehold Township Committee,

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Lester A. Preston, Jr., Mayor