

TOWNSHIP OF FREEHOLD



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"Preserving and Enhancing the Quality of Life"

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Mayor's Message to Freehold Township:

Pursuant to Executive Order #119, New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy announced that he will be extending the state of emergency, which he declared on March 9, by an additional 30 days. This would put the state of emergency in place until at least early May. As he indicated on Monday, the State is starting to see positive signs that social distancing policies are helping to curb the spread of the coronavirus and that the next two weeks will be critical to ensure that we maintain that trajectory. With the Passover and Easter holidays upon us and with the warm weather of the past few days, it is increasingly harder, but more important than ever, to adhere to the CDC guidelines and social distancing practices. It is critical that we all do our part to contain and eliminate the threat this virus poses.

Times like these also bring out the very best in all of us. I would like to extend a special thank you to everyone that took time to sew masks, make phone calls and cards for our seniors, sent food, supplies or personal protection equipment to our Police, Fire Departments, EMS and CentraState Medical Center personnel, or drew an inspirational message in chalk in their neighborhood. Now more than ever, our local restaurants need our support. If you are able, please consider taking advantage of those offering take out, delivery or curbside pickup options to help them through this difficult time.

I would also like to give a special thank you to our Health Department employees who have been working tirelessly seven days a week to ensure the safety and well-being of our residents. With a total of 202 residents testing positive, to date, they have made between 800 and 1,000 individual contacts documenting the flow of the virus through our community. Thank you, sincerely, for your hard work and dedication.

To our front line first responders and healthcare professionals, you go to work every day knowingly putting yourself at risk. Every one of you is making a difference and your service does not go unnoticed. Thank you does not adequately express our gratitude for your service.

On behalf of the Freehold Township Committee, I wish you and yours a happy and peaceful Passover and a blessed and joyful Easter season.

For the Township Committee,

Lester A. Preston, Jr
Mayor