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Monroe Township Situation Report 3/22/20

The Monroe Township Office of Emergency Management will continue to provide updates to the COVID-19 Pandemic each day to ensure our residents are aware of the latest information.

- **Practicing Social Distancing, Respiratory Etiquette and Hand Hygiene are keys to reducing the risks of contracting COVID-19**

UPDATE ON LATEST COVID-19 CASES:

	Total Cases	Recovered	Deaths
Worldwide	329,858	97,846	14,380
United States	32,801	178	404
New Jersey	1,914	0	20
Gloucester County	8	0	0

*Source: Center for Systems Science and Engineering at Johns Hopkins University, as of 3/22/20 at 4:43PM

Stay vigilant and do your part to "flatten the curve!"

NEW UPDATES

Monroe Township Council Meeting

Our Council Meeting will be held electronically on Monday March 23, 2020
Check the township web site under announcements for details.
https://monroetownshipnj.org/2020/03/public-notice-march-23-2020-council-meeting/

Monroe Township Public Schools – Free School Meal Pick-up Information

The Monroe Township Public School district will be providing a FREE bagged breakfast and lunch meal for ALL Pre-K through 12th grade students.

- Meals will resume Monday March 23, 2020 from 11:00am and 1:00pm
- Pickup locations: Holly Glen, Whitehall Elementary, or Williamstown Middle School.
- Starting Tuesday, March 24, 2020 students from Pre-K through 12th Grade students will pick up meals for the remainder of the week at WMS. (four days' worth picked up at one time)
- Starting Monday, March 30, 2020 students from Pre-K through 12th grade, students will pick up their meals for the week at WMS. (five days' worth picked up at one time)

For more information visit: https://www.monroetwp.k12.nj.us

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- **Governor's Executive Order No. 107 (Summary):**
  This order revokes all prior mitigation executive orders, and incorporates or modifies their provisions as described below.

- **"Stay at home" order**: All residents are to stay at home or at their place of residence unless they are leaving for the following reasons:
  1) Obtaining goods or services from essential retail businesses;
  2) Obtaining takeout or food/beverages from restaurants;
  3) Seeking medical attention, essential social services, or assistance from law enforcement;
  4) Visiting family or other individuals with whom the resident has a close personal relationship, such as caretakers, or romantic partners;
  5) Reporting to or performing their job;
  6) Walking, running, or engaging in outdoor activities with immediate family, caretakers, household members, or romantic partners;
  7) Leaving for an educational, religious, or political reason;
  8) Leaving because of a reasonable fear for health or safety; or
  9) Leaving at the direction of law enforcement or other government agency.

  Individuals who have to travel must practice social distancing when possible and should use public transportation only if they have no other feasible choice.

- **Cancelling Gatherings:** Gatherings of individuals, such as parties, celebrations, or other social events, are cancelled, unless otherwise authorized by the Order (i.e. the activities mentioned above

- **Closing non-essential retail businesses**: All non-essential retail businesses, which were previously limited to between 5 am and 8 pm, must now close entirely (online delivery can continue). The list of essential retail businesses that can stay open is limited to the following:
  1) Grocery and food stores, including retailers like Walmart/Target that sell food;
  2) Pharmacies and medical marijuana dispensaries;
  3) Medical supply stores;
  4) Gas stations;
  5) Convenience stores;

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6) Ancillary stores within healthcare facilities;
7) Hardware and home improvement stores;
8) Banks and other financial institutions;
9) Laundromats/dry-cleaning services;
10) Stores that principally sell supplies for children under five years old;
11) Pet stores;
12) Liquor stores;
13) Car dealerships, but only for auto maintenance and repair, and auto mechanics;
14) Printing and office supply shops;
15) Mail and delivery stores

- **Mandatory telework/work-from-home:** All businesses or non-profits in the State must accommodate their workforce, wherever practicable, for telework or work-from-home arrangements. If a business or nonprofit has employees that must be on site, it shall reduce staff on site to the minimal number necessary to ensure critical operations can continue. Examples of employees who need to be present at their work site include: law enforcement officers, fire fighters, and other first responders, cashiers or store clerks, construction workers, utility workers, repair workers, warehouse workers, lab researchers, information technology maintenance workers, janitorial and custodial staff, and certain administrative staff.
- **Recreational and entertainment businesses:** All are closed. This is unchanged from what is currently in place but the order reiterates these prohibitions.
- **Restaurants and other dining establishments:** All can remain open, but must continue to be delivery and/or takeout only. This is also unchanged.
- **Pre-K, K-12, and higher education:** All continue to be closed to students. This is unchanged as well.
- **Blanket exceptions:** Nothing in the order shall be construed to affect the operations of (1) health care or medical service providers; (2) access to essential services for low-income residents, including but not limited to food banks; (3) the media; (4) law enforcement; and (5) the operations of the federal government or the movement of federal officials when operating in their official capacity.

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- **Timing:** The order will go into effect at 9PM tonight (March 21, 2020) to accommodate the end of the Sabbath. It will stay in effect until the Governor revokes or modifies it.

- **Executive Order No. 108** This Order clearly invalidates all county and municipal restrictions imposed in response to COVID-19 that conflict in any way with the provisions of Executive Order No. 107, which now encompasses all the emergency restrictions on individuals and businesses that have been put in place.

Business Help

NJ has set up a web site for you to get answers to questions for businesses dealing with the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) https://cv.business.nj.gov

- Many that are out of work due the closures from COVID-19 may be eligible for unemployment. Visit www.nj.gov/labor there is a link on their page for guidance.

NJ link for COVID-19 Information

https://covid19.nj.gov/

Feeling Ill??

- If you feel ill and think you may have the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and are only having minor symptoms, **DON'T** call 911. You should seek out a medical provider such as Jefferson Health Telehealth Physicians at **844-542-2273** or https://hospitals.jefferson.edu/jeffconnect.html

Gloucester County OEM

- Our county Emergency Operations Center is open daily with representatives from the County Board of Health. 856-307-4801 or gceoc@county.gloucester.nj.us

Helpful Phone Numbers

856-728-0800	Monroe Township Police (Non-Emergency)
1-800-222-1222	24/7 NJ COVID-19 Hotline
1-844-542-2273	Jefferson Health Telehealth Physicians
1-877-294-4357	NJ Warm for Mental Health Assistance

Please stress the importance of Social Distancing to all your family and friends. It is crucial in flattening the curve during this pandemic.