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Monroe Township Situation Report 4/29/20

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.

0 New Cases in Monroe Twp.

NEW UPDATES

- Governor Murphy signed an Executive Order on April 29, 2020, (Executive Order No. 132), allowing, county clerks and municipal clerks, in addition to accepting hand delivered Initiative and Referendum Petitions, to also allow for these petitions to be submitted electronically. The county clerks and municipal clerks shall also accept petitions with signatures collected via an online form. A generic template of this form shall be created by the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Department of Law and Public Safety. This form shall be available for use by May 1, 2020. https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-132.pdf

- Governor Murphy, during his 1:00 PM press conference today, stated he will sign an Executive Order later this date, allowing for the reopening of State Parks, and Golf Courses, effective sunrise on Saturday, May 2, 2020. Playgrounds will remain CLOSED. Protective facial masks and social distancing is still strongly recommended for those County and State Parks that reopen.

- **GC Department of Health and Human Services:** There are currently 1,173 total COVID-19 positive cases in Gloucester County now 34 confirmed fatalities.

- **Governor Murphy**: Announced "The Road Back: Restoring Economic Health Through Public Health" to restart New Jersey and put the state on the road to recovery. Governor Murphy outlined six key principles and benchmarks to guide the process for restoring New Jersey's economic health by ensuring public health. http://d31hzlhk6di2h5.cloudfront.net/20200427/db/2d/77/6c/2a8a498ff2edda855c3f456d/The_Road_Ba ck_-_Restoring_Economic_Health_Through_Public_Health.pdf

- **Businesses Open/Closed:** Many people are questioning if certain businesses can be open or closed. The governor's office has put information out and we have the link below. Please click the link and if you are still unsure, contact the Office of Emergency Management and we will assist you. https://faq.business.nj.gov/en/articles/3820777-does-my-business-need-to-close

- **Municipal Court:** Monroe Township Municipal Court is postponed until at least June 2, 2020. Staff will be working inside to help you via the telephone. 856-728-9800.

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- **Executive Order #128 to Use Security Deposit for Rent**: Governor Murphy is signed executive order to provide the ability to use a security deposit towards rent. Click the link to see more details. https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-128.pdf

- **The Department of Labor web portal**: The portal allows New Jersey residents to contact the Department of Labor directly. This is a helpful tool for residents who have questions about their applications. To submit a message, residents must go to: **www.myunemployment.nj.gov**

- **The Coronavirus Aid Bill was signed:** This bill sends aid to small businesses and hospitals as well as providing funding for more testing. The Small Business Administration offers multiple funding options for those seeking relief including the Paycheck Protection Program, EIDL Loan Advance, SBA Express Bridge Loans and SBA Dept. Relief. To learn more about the programs and what they offer by visiting: **https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options**

- **GC County Health and OEM**: Opened their mobile COVID-19 testing site today, April 23, 2020 at Rowan College at South Jersey, from 10 AM to 12 PM and 99 people were tested

- **Gloucester County COVID-19 Testing Telephonic Prescreening:** GC Health and OEM will start conducing telephonic prescreening on Friday, April 24, 2020, @ 0830 hrs., for mobile testing scheduled for Thursday, April 30, 2020. The COVID Testing phone number is 856-218-4142. Residents must provide insurance information and proof of residency. Once they are pre-screened, an appointment time will be scheduled for them.

- **Gloucester County Mobile Testing Site**: The County's Mobile Test Site will open again April 30, 2020, in the parking lot of Rowan College at South Jersey, (Gloucester County location). This test site is for **Gloucester County residents only** who are requesting testing for the COVID-19 virus**.** (See Above for instructions on prescreening)

- **The GC Office of Economic Development:** knows the unemployment process can be overwhelming. Therefore, we offer that the New Jersey Department of Labor has created a new web portal that will allow New Jersey residents to contact the Department of Labor directly. If you have questions regarding your applications, submit a message at www.myunemployment.nj.gov and follow the instructions below:
    - On the top navigation, scroll to the right for "Need Help" and unveil the drop-down menu
    - Choose Send an Email
    - Choose Email: Submit a message through our new online form.
    - Follow the prompts

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- **Gloucester County Office of Economic Development:** Provided the following website to assist small business' keep their workforce employed during the COVID-19 crisis. This program is termed: U.S. SBA Paycheck-Protection Program, PPP, specifically pertaining for 501(c)(3) organizations. The following entities affected by Coronavirus (COVID-19) may be eligible:
    - Any small business concern that meets SBA's size standards (either the industry based sized standard or the alternative size standard)
    - Any business, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, 501(c)(19) veterans organization, or Tribal business concern (sec. 31(b)(2)(C) of the Small Business
    - Act) with the greater of: 500 employees, or that meets the SBA industry size standard if more than 500.
    - Any business with a NAICS Code that begins with 72 (Accommodations and Food Services) that has more than one physical location and employs less than 500 per location.
    - Sole proprietors, independent contractors, and self-employed persons **https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options/paycheck-protection-program-ppp**

- **President Trump**: Has unveiled Guidelines for Opening Up America Again, a three phased approach based on the advice of public health experts. These steps will help state and local officials when reopening their economies, getting people back to work, and continuing to protect American lives. https://www.whitehouse.gov/openingamerica/

- **School Closure Extended In NJ:** Governor Murphy closes schools until at least May 15.

- **Executive Order 126:** Prohibiting cable and telecommunications providers from terminating internet and voice service

- **Executive Order #125:** All commercial businesses are now requiring a face mask in order to enter the business. This includes bars, restaurants etc. where you may need to enter for pick up.

- **Monroe Township Police On-line Reporting**: You can now report non-emergencies to the Monroe Township Police Department via the Citizen Services Program Website. This program allows you to report certain incidents on-line, view crime statistics and a crime map. Please click on the link to view. https://monroe.prophoenix.com/#/home

- **Executive Order #122:** This Executive Order has a lot of information and guidelines to follow. Some key items are; wearing a face covering in public, limiting access in essential businesses to 50% capacity and essential businesses dealing with COVID-19 exposures and employees feeling ill. Click on link to view the full order. https://covid19.nj.gov/faqs/announcements/all-announcements/governor-murphy-signs-executive-order-to-cease-all-non-essential-construction-projects-and-imposes-

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additional-mitigation-requirements-on-essential-retail-businesses-and-industries-to-limit-the-spread-of-covid-19

- **Monroe Township Parks:** Monroe Township has closed our parks as of April 7th at 8pm following the Governors Order to close State and County Parks.
- **Township Buildings Closed to the Public:** Township buildings remain closed to the public, and will remain closed until at least May 11. We will have some staff in the buildings to assist you. Call Monroe Township @ 856-728-9800
- **NJ Taxes:** The governor has extended the date to file NJ taxes until July 15, 2020, there is no reason to file an extension.
- **Out of Work:** Many companies are hiring and sharing information through the state COVID-19 website. https://jobs.covid19.nj.gov/index.html
- **2020 Census:** www.2020Census.gov Please complete the census online.
- **Website for COVID-19 Concerns:** https://covid19.nj.gov/
- **Rumor Control and Disinformation Site**: A new site is up on the web to help our residents distinguish between facts and rumors/disinformation. www.njhomelandsecurity.gov/covid19
- **OSHA COVID-19 Information:** https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/covid-19

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

- The Gloucester County OEM has their Emergency Operations Center open daily with representatives from the County Board of Health available for assisting our residents. Contact them at 856-307-4801 or gceoc@county.gloucester.nj.us

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UPDATE ON LATEST COVID-19 CASES:

	Total Cases	Recovered	Deaths
Worldwide	3,167,448	957,568	224,708
United States	1,027,295	116,381	59,392
New Jersey	116,365	Not Reported	6,771
Gloucester County	1209	Not Reported	40
Monroe Township	130	Not Reported	3

Sources: Center for Systems Science & Engineering @ Johns Hopkins University & Covid19.nj.gov at 4/23/2020 @ 4:00 PM, NJ COVID-19 Dashboard, Gloucester County NJ COVID 19 Dashboard and Gloucester County Emergency Operation Center

Helpful Phone Numbers

856-728-9800 Ext 249	Monroe Township OEM (regular business hours)
1-856-728-0800	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.

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The Road Back:
Restoring Economic Health Through Public Health

Six Key Principles

Governor Phil Murphy announced his vision, **"The Road Back: Restoring Economic Health Through Public Health,"** to restart New Jersey and put the state on the road to recovery. Gov Murphy's stay-at-home Executive Order, which has been in effect since March 21st, will remain in effect in its entirety until further notice. The following **six principles** and key metrics will guide the process for lifting restrictions and **restoring New Jersey's economic health through public health.**

Principle 1: Demonstrate Sustained Reductions in New COVID-19 Cases and Hospitalizations

- 14-day trend lines showing appreciable and sustained drop in cases, hospitalizations, and other metrics;
- Hospitals stepping down from functioning under crisis standards of care.

Principle 2: Expand Testing Capacity

- At least double current diagnostic testing capacity;
- Prioritize testing for health care workers, essential personnel, and vulnerable populations;
- Create a flexible testing plan accessible to all residents;
- Expand partnerships with institutions of higher education, private-sector labs, and the federal government.
- Ensure that those who test positive are linked to a health care provider.

Principle 3: Implement Robust Contact Tracing

- Recruit and deploy an army of personnel who will identify and follow-up with contacts;
- Leverage technological data and innovative solutions to increase efficiency;
- Coordinate the approach of local and state health officials, which will have a coordinated county/regional component.

Principle 4: Secure Safe Places and Resources for Isolation and Quarantine

- To the greatest extent possible, provide individuals who do test positive in the future with a safe and free place to isolate and protect others from COVID-19;
- Ensure that quarantined contacts are provided supportive services, if needed.

Principle 5: Execute a Responsible Economic Restart

- Create the Governor's Restart and Recovery Commission to advise on the process and recommend responsible and equitable decisions;
- Plan for a methodical and strategic return to work based on level of disease transmission risk and essential classification;
- Continuation of social distancing measures where feasible and appropriate;
- Leverage any available federal funds and programs to support health care, individual, and small business recoveries.

Principle 6: Ensure New Jersey's Resiliency

- Learn from the lessons of COVID-19 and prepare for the possibility of a resurgence;
- Ensure hospitals, health care systems, and other health delivery facilities have inventories of personal protective equipment and ventilators;
- Build our own state personal protective equipment and ventilator stockpile;
- Create a playbook for future administrations for the next pandemic.