



Borough of Hightstown

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Dear Residents,

I would like to remind residents that this virus is present in our community, and it is the responsibility of everyone to be mindful of this fact every time you leave your homes. If you must go out into a public setting, take every precaution to protect yourself from the virus, no matter where you are going. While essential businesses are open and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces, it is still possible to be exposed if you come into close contact with others. When leaving your home, for any purpose, please keep a 6 foot distance from other people and wash your hands often. It is also important for the younger residents to take note that while they **may not** have a life threatening consequence if they become ill, loved ones such as parents, grandparents and those with underlying health conditions; can become seriously ill if infected. If you do not have to leave your home, **STAY HOME!** Public health officials believe there is a risk associated with being out in the community and this is the basis for the Governor's orders for social distancing.

Upon receipt of a positive lab report, the Health Department immediately begins an investigation and notifies individuals who are considered at increased risk due to close contact with the case. Home isolation and self-quarantine orders are issued. Health Department staff are responding 7 days a week to COVID-19 concerns. The Borough has provided extensive information regarding COVID-19 on its website, including updates regarding the number of cases in Mercer County. Please be aware, that while these numbers are being issued, they only indicate positive for those who sought out testing. Many individuals with mild symptoms are not tested and testing is not recommended for everyone. The bottom line is that we believe there is a chance that you may be exposed whenever you are out in public places, so please follow all public health recommendations.

Please be advised that the Borough has taken measures to assist in the prevention of the spread of COVID-19; as well as protect our staff and keep them healthy during this difficult time. The Borough office hours are reduced and offices are no longer open to the public, employees are working remotely and rotating schedules in the office, the process for the opening of mail and/or packages at the Borough has been revised, an additional full-time police officer has been hired and we are following CDC Guidelines and the Stay at Home order.

There is also substantial information on the Borough website regarding State and Federal Programs available to those out of work or Business Owners who have had to cease their business due to the virus. Please visit www.hightstownborough.com for further information on these programs and how they may benefit you..

There are businesses in the Borough that have remained open to assist our residents with their daily needs, without requiring that you travel any distance. They are offering phone or on-line ordering with curbside or regular pick-up, and/or delivery. Take advantage of the opportunities in Hightstown Borough and support the local businesses, they are open for you. There is a list of the businesses that are open in town on the website, with links that will assist you with placing orders.

I wish you all the very best health during this difficult time. Be mindful of your neighbors, friends, relatives and community and prevent the spread of the virus by following CDC guidelines and Staying home. We will get through this, but we must do it together...it takes many to move a mountain...this will take all of us to overcome.

Best Wishes,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lawrence D. Quattrone".

Lawrence D. Quattrone
Mayor