

Neptune Township OEM COVID-19
3/17/2020

As we continue to adapt to the ever-changing situation surrounding COVID-19, we'd like to provide a few Neptune-specific updates for those residing, working, or visiting our area. Two important changes have occurred since our last statement on Sunday, the first being New Jersey's issuance of expanded regulations and the second the declaration of a Local State of Emergency for Neptune Township. Please take the time to review the information below for each, and remember as previously stated, a "State of Emergency" is not meant to incite panic but to allow government agencies expedited access to additional resources to fight the spread of COVID-19. **The following regulations have been issued by the Governor's Office and are echoed in the Local State of Emergency Declaration for Neptune Township, with additional information available in the Executive Order and Local State of Emergency Declaration at the links below:**

- All schools including pre-K, K-12, Private, Public, Colleges, and Universities must remain closed effective March 18th until deemed safe for classes to resume.
- All casinos, racetracks, entertainment centers including theaters, concert venues and nightclubs, gyms and fitness classes will close entirely until deemed safe to resume business.
- All non-essential retail, recreational, and entertainment businesses must close by 8:00 PM. During daytime hours, these businesses can remain open but must limit their occupancy to 50 persons.
- Restaurants and bars are permitted to operate but must only offer food delivery and/or take-out services and must close for all service by 8:00 PM daily.
- Essential businesses such as grocery stores, pharmacies, medical offices and gas stations may remain open past 8:00 PM.
- Gatherings over 50 people are banned until further notice excluding normal operations at airports, bus and train stations, medical facilities, offices, mass transit, and during the purchase of consumer goods.
- Non-essential and non-emergency travel is discouraged between the hours of 8:00 PM and 5:00 AM.
- The Governor's Executive Order contains additional regulations and clarifications and can be found here: <https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-104.pdf?fbclid=IwAR0Pp6QAorlqvhN0V1c53B-oQFlhRcchr-t5mb-9aRL21AQP9G3C7egv49w>
- The Local State of Emergency Declaration for Neptune Township can be found here: <http://neptunetownship.org/articles/township-neptune-declaration-emergency?fbclid=IwAR37j2UbF5Vs8jcMJxDLicgQmeYtcKjTwaUHat4OVsPcTr2tR13eU8zF4R4>

During this type of emergency, panic and fear can add unnecessary danger to an already complicated situation. As previously stated, NTOEM will only be providing information approved by the CDC and the New Jersey Department of Health. Please

take the following common-sense actions recommended to protect yourself and your community from the spread of COVID-19:

- First and foremost, wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick and keep a distance between yourself and other people, especially if COVID-19 is spreading in your community.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe. (NTOEM tip: Don't forget about high touch items like mobile and home phones, door handles, remote controls, steering wheels, light switches, etc.)
- Facemasks should only be used by people showing symptoms of COVID-19, healthcare workers, or those taking care of someone with COVID-19, not by those that are well.

Residents wishing to receive updates specific to COVID-19 and related public health concerns should continue to monitor our Facebook page, but are also encouraged to follow us on Twitter @NeptuneOEM and sign up for Nixle text message alerts by simply texting "NTHEALTH" to the phone number 888-777.

Residents are also encouraged to review Update #2 from Sunday for additional information specific to Neptune

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