



Borough of Emerson
Office of Emergency Management

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TO ALL RESIDENTS AND PERSONS
WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF EMERSON, NEW JERSEY
AND TO ALL DEPARTMENTS OF THE
MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE BOROUGH OF EMERSON:

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization designated the Novel Coronavirus, COVID-19, outbreak as a Public Health Emergency of international concern: and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Health and Human Services Secretary declared a public health emergency for the entire United States to aid the nation's healthcare community in responding to the Coronavirus (COVID-19): and

WHEREAS, the spread of COVID-19 within New Jersey constitutes an imminent public health hazard that threatens and presently endangers the health, safety and welfare of residents of all the municipalities and counties of the State: and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, the Governor of the State of New Jersey declared the concurrent invocation of both a State of Emergency pursuant to N.J.S.A. App.A:9-33 et seq., and a Public Health Emergency as contemplated by N.J.S.A.26:13-1 et seq., which invoked the authority and powers contemplated by N.J.S.A. 26:13-3, the Emergency Health Powers Act, and remains in effect: and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States, by authority of Sections 201 and 301 of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.) and consistent with Section 1135 of the Social Security Act (SSA), as amended (42 U.S.C. 1320b-5), declared and proclaimed that the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States constitutes a national emergency: and

WHEREAS, the Borough is working with federal, state and local officials and authorities on a daily basis on prevention and mitigation activities that include providing critical information to the public about COVID-19 to provide facts and avoid unnecessary fear, training emergency first responders and health professional about the disease and investigating suspected, presumptive and confirmed cases: and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the powers vested by Chapter 251 of the laws of 1942, as amended and supplemented, N.J.S.A. App. A:9-30 et seq.; N.J.S.A. 40:48-1(6); N.J.S.A. 2C:33-1 et seq., whichever law or laws apply, a local disaster emergency is declared to exist within the boundaries of the Borough of Emerson, and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid laws authorize the promulgation of such orders, rules and regulations as are necessary to meet the various problems which have or may occur due to such emergency: and

WHEREAS, by reason of the conditions which currently exist in the Borough of Emerson, which may affect the health, safety and welfare of its residents, and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Emerson, may be required to acquire goods and services that may not be currently available in the Borough's product inventory from vendors with whom the Borough currently has a contractual relationship and which may be needed in order to protect and maintain the health, safety, and welfare of Borough residents and visitors to successfully combat the impact of the virus: and

WHEREAS, due to the ongoing COVID-19 health emergency, it is necessary to use every means at our disposal to implement additional measures, including but not limited to those directed at places of public gathering, in order to flatten the curve of the spread of COVID-19: and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the Borough of Emerson should be declared a disaster area and further, that certain measures must be taken in order to ensure that certain resources are available to protect the persons and property of the residents affected by the conditions: and

WHEREAS, the following area is hereby designated a disaster area:

THE ENTIRE BOROUGH OF EMERSON

THEREFORE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH the aforesaid laws and the Executive Orders No. 103 and No. 104 that have been enacted by the Governor of the State of New Jersey effective 10:00 AM on March 18, 2020, and until further notice, I do hereby promulgate and declare a State of Emergency within the Borough of Emerson, County of Bergen, and State of New Jersey, and that the following regulations shall be in addition to all other laws of the State of New Jersey and the Borough of Emerson.

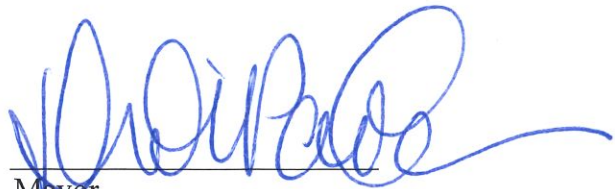
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Danielle DiPaola, as the Mayor of the Borough of Emerson, do hereby order and direct that:

1. Borough of Emerson and Borough offices remain open for business, but encourage residents to come to Borough Hall only if absolutely necessary. You must contact offices by phone (201-262-6086) or by email (administrator@emersonnj.org) before entering the building.
2. All public and Board of Education recreational fields, all school grounds, basketball courts and playgrounds within the Borough of Emerson will remain open at this time ONLY for passive recreation. All organized sports and recreational activities within the Borough are suspended.
3. All public meetings of non-essential municipal boards, commissions, and committees are suspended. The Borough Mayor and Council meetings will continue at such time as we can safely and legally include members of the Governing Body and public. We will make available a means of remote, telephone access for the public.
4. All gatherings and events should be limited to 50 or fewer persons in order to comply with the Governor's Executive Order No. 104, Section 1.
5. All residents are encouraged to stay within their own properties and avoid large groups as well as maintaining social distancing in accordance with CDC guidelines.
6. All workplaces within the Borough are encouraged to implement and observe CDC workplace social distancing measures such as replacing in person meetings with teleconferencing, as well as modifying, postponing or canceling gatherings of more than 10 individuals.
7. Per the Governor's Executive Order No. 104, the following establishments have been closed effective 8:00 PM on March 16, 2020: Gyms, fitness centers and exercise classes.
8. Also, non-essential retail, recreational and entertainment businesses must cease daily operation from 8:00 PM until 7:00 AM unless granted a variance to operate otherwise. From 7:00AM until 8:00 PM these businesses may remain open if they limit their occupancy to no more than 50 persons and adhere to social distancing guidelines.
9. Businesses excluded from this directive are grocery/food stores, pharmacies, medical supply stores, gas stations, healthcare facilities and ancillary stores within healthcare facilities.
10. All Restaurants, dining establishments, and food courts, with or without a liquor license, all bars and all other holders of a liquor license with retail consumption privileges, are permitted to operate their normal business hours, but are limited to offering only food delivery and/or take-out services. If alcoholic beverages are to be sold from a restaurant, dining establishment or bar with a liquor license, such sales shall be limited to the original container.
11. The Borough Health Officer shall implement any emergency regulations or amendments to any sanitary or health code of the Borough.

12. The Borough Health Officer shall engage in periodic and regular communication with the County Health Officer in order to coordinate activities, avoid any gaps in information sharing and collaborate on containment and mitigation measures in order to ensure accurate and comprehensive contact tracing to effectively combat the spread of COVID-19.
13. To combat COVID-19, the Borough shall be permitted whenever necessary to procure the necessary goods or services, which are not available under contracts currently in existence with the Borough, without complying with the New Jersey Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A 40A:11-6 et.seq.) including but not limited to:
 - A. To award emergency contracts, including but not limited to emergency contracts or leases for relocation and support of Borough operations for professional services for the purchase of commodities, services and technology.
 - B. To purchase food, supplies, services and equipment.
 - C. To procure any supplies or equipment required to ensure adequate sanitization, cleaning or sterilization of any facility or location.
14. All Borough Departments shall take all reasonable measures to protect all residents, including safe treatment, transfer and discharge practices, and to comply with the Emergency Medical Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. section 139dd) and any associated regulations.
15. A copy of this Emergency Declaration shall be immediately transmitted to the Bergen County Office of Emergency Management.
16. A copy of this Emergency Declaration shall be immediately forwarded to the Mayor & Council, Borough Attorney Police Chief and Borough Administrator.



Emergency Management Coordinator



Mayor

03/18/2020

Date and Time

3/18/20 10am

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The Bergen County Office of Emergency Management must be notified immediately of all emergency declarations