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Updates Regarding COVID-19 as of March 19, 2020

Please note the most up to date announcements from the Governor's office effective Thursday, March 19, 2020 at 8pm

- All personal service-based establishments will be closed until further notice beginning Thursday, March 19th at 8pm
 - This includes barbershops, salons, spas, etc.

Up to date announcements from Mayor Giacobbe and the City of Rahway

- Rahway City Hall will be closed to the public until April 6th. Appointments for services can be requested by either contacting the Department needed through the published email or phone number or by contacting the police desk.
- The Senior Transportation Service will alter its hours of operation. Please note the changes effective Monday, March 23rd
 - Doctor's Appointments from 830am-330pm
 - Medicine pick-up from 830am-330pm
 - Shopping trips to grocery stores implementing senior ONLY hours
 - Monday: 6:00am - 7:00am | Clark Shoprite
 - Wednesday: 6:00am - 7:30am | Stop and Shop Edison (Inman Ave)
 - Friday: 6:00am - 7:00am | Clark Shoprite
- The Community Garden and Tennis Courts will be closed effective immediately.

Previous announcements that have been made from the Governor's office, as well as the City of Rahway in an attempt to flatten the curve of exposure to the COVID-19 Virus are as follows:

To reduce the spread of COVID-19 the Governor ordering:

- Close ALL schools (including private), starting 3/18

Rahway Schools are closed effective immediately.

- Close ALL casinos, theaters, and gyms

- Close ALL recreational business by 8 pm
- Prohibition of meetings of more than 50 people

All bars and restaurants have been closed until further notice, except for take-out or delivery services.

All schools from pre-K to Grade 12 (public, private, and parish) and all universities have been closed until further notice. The state has **NOT** included private day care in this category.

All non-essential or emergency trips in New Jersey are not recommended between 8:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. This will remain in force in the foreseeable future.

Essential businesses that are necessary for the health, safety and well-being of the public, such as supermarkets, pharmacies, medical clinics and service stations, can remain open after 8:00 p.m.

All theaters and gyms will close completely until it is considered safe for reopening.

All recreational / entertainment businesses **MUST CLOSE** by 8:00 p.m. During the day, these businesses can remain open if they limit their occupation to no more than 50 people and adhere to the guidelines of social distance.

All meetings of over 50 people are **CANCELLED**.

The DMV located in Rahway will be closed, as part of a full state shut down, until March 31st.

Along with the new sanctions passed down from the State level, Rahway City Hall is taking the following measures on minimizing the spread of the COVID-19 Virus by limiting exposure to the virus while continuing to provide municipal services.

Regarding Rahway City Hall:

- Rahway City Hall will be closed to the public effective Tuesday, March 17th. I will be releasing contact information for the individual departments so that business can be conducted via phone or email to reduce potential exposure to all parties. **Rahway City Hall will remain operational.** We anticipate reopening to the public on March 23rd with shortened hours and limited in-person services. We will continue to encourage residents to conduct their business via phone and email.
 - Any tax payments can be made electronically, by mail-in check or dropped in the drop box located outside of the Rahway City Hall parking lot entrance.

- Any permit applications can be dropped off in the drop box located outside of the Rahway City Hall parking lot entrance.
- The Rahway Municipal Courts have suspended in-person court sessions until further notice. The Violations Bureau will also be closed. Payments can be made electronically, mail-in check or placed in the drop-box outside Rahway Police Department.
- All zoning and planning board meetings will be canceled until further notice.
- Garbage and recycling collection **will** continue.
- The City of Rahway will be suspending parking **meters** effective Tuesday, March 17, 2020.
- All parking permit payments must be made electronically

Regarding the Rahway School System:

- In advance of the Gov mandate, Rahway Schools will be closed for students beginning Monday, March 16 and will remain closed until further notice. Parents/guardians should be sure that they have a PowerSchoolParent Portal account set up. Please visit rahway.net for additional information and updates.
- All Rahway School Events have been canceled until further notice
- Rahway Schools have implemented a “grab and go” meal plan for students that are part of the free and reduced lunch program. That information can be found on Rahway.net

Regarding the Rahway Recreation Department; including Public Library and Senior Center:

- The Rahway Public Library will be closed until further notice
- The Rahway Recreation Department will be closed until further notice
- Regular cleaning of Rahway playgrounds will take place, although we strongly encourage parents to keep their children home.
- The Rahway Senior Transportation Bus will continue to bring seniors to the grocery store, doctor and pick up medicine ONLY – please see the amended hours above effective Monday, March 23, 2020.
- The Senior AARP tax event has been canceled.

Regarding Suez-Rahway Water

Beginning March 16,2020 SUEZ is enacting the following measures to ensure the health and well-being of customers and our employees:

- SUEZ offices are closed to the general public. Customers who pay bills in person must utilize online payment, pay by phone or visit a third-party payment location.
- Field service appointments, including meter changes, are suspended. Field staff will only perform emergency or critical work.
- SUEZ Rahway will strictly be focusing on emergency related work only, which includes main breaks, service leaks that may cause property damage, and/or water quality issues

In the upcoming days, there will be even more information given to you. I want to remind everyone that these measures are taken with an abundance of caution. Our primary goal is to keep our residents safe, healthy and informed. Continue to take your own precautionary measures; practice social distancing, wash your hands and check on your elderly neighbors. I will continue to keep Rahway updated, until then, stay safe and healthy.