Residents and Business Owners of Bordentown City,

As of this date, Bordentown City has had no known Coronavirus cases.

As previously stated in our first message to our citizens and businesses, as we continue to be updated by the Burlington County Board of Health, the Burlington County Office of Emergency Management and the Office of the Governor of the State of New Jersey, we will also keep you updated.

Just recently the Governor issued a statement initiating an 8:00PM curfew that includes a recommendation against all non-essential or non-emergency travel between 8:00PM and 5:00AM. Supermarkets, pharmacies, gas stations and other essential businesses will remain open; bars and restaurants will close at 8:00PM but will be permitted to be open during the day provided they keep their occupancy below 50 people; they will be permitted to offer take-out.

At this time, we have decided to take the following steps to protect not only our residents but our staff as well:

1. City Hall will be closed to the Public effective Tuesday, March 17, 2020. These measures are necessary to do our part in the City to reduce the spread and transmission of the coronavirus which has reached a pandemic level. City government will continue to operate with essential personnel and focus on efforts to enhance the ability of the public to do business through the phone, e-mail and our website. We encourage the residents to make use of the on-line payment system in place for paying water and tax bills or by dropping payments in the front door mail slot (which is secure) and a receipt will be mailed to you or through US Mail.

2. Garbage and Trash Collection will continue as scheduled as well as leaf and brush collection on Wednesdays. The Recycling Center will remain open on Wednesday and Saturday mornings.

3. All scheduled events at the Carlslake Community Center have been cancelled through March 31st; further cancellations will be considered as we continue to monitor the outbreak.

4. If you have any questions regarding services, events, schedules, etc. please call City Hall and we will do our best to answer your questions. You can check the City website for phone numbers to departments at https://cityofbordentown.com/administration.

5. All meetings of City Committees, City related events, i.e. tree planting, community garden clean up, etc. are cancelled until April 20th at this time. Further updates to this schedule will be posted on the website so please check the calendar regularly.
6. Commission Meetings will be held as scheduled and the Agendas will be posted on the website https://www.ecode360.com/documents/pub/BQ1079/Agendas/? before each meeting for your information. Residents are welcome to attend, however, you are encouraged to e-mail any questions/concerns to the City Clerk at btownch@cityofbordentown.com and they will be addressed promptly. “Social distancing” will be enforced while attending the Commission Meeting for the safety of anyone in attendance. Please use discretion when deciding to attend a public meeting and ask yourself if you really need to attend or if you can ask a question of your governing body through e-mail.

7. Municipal Court Session has been cancelled for March 26th. If you have a Municipal Court case pending or traffic ticket for Bordentown City, please visit the Bordentown City Municipal Court website page at https://cityofbordentown.com/court/ and click on the link for the Press Release which contains information on Municipal Courts throughout Burlington County.

8. EMS Personnel will continue to respond to emergency calls. It recommended that you continue to use the 9-1-1 emergency system, however, it is important that you state whether the person you are calling for is showing cold or flu-like symptoms.

9. The Bordentown City Police Department is operating at full staff and responding to emergency calls. Again, if you are calling the Police for assistance, it is important that you state whether anyone involved is experiencing cold or flu-like symptoms.

10. The Bordentown Regional School District is closed until April 20th and updates from the District are being dispatched to the parents through their notification system and we will work with them to assist in any way needed.

Added precautions that everyone should follow to protect their families and neighbors to help reduce the possibility of community-wide spread of the virus would be:

1. Practice excellent hand hygiene by washing hands often and for at least 20 seconds with hot soapy water. Use of hand sanitizer with at least 60% isopropyl alcohol in absence of soap and water is recommended.

2. Social distancing is always strongly encouraged by maintaining at least 6-foot separation from others outside your family and avoiding large crowds.

3. Plan to be self-sufficient for up to 2 weeks in case you or someone in your family shows symptoms of illness. There is no need to overstock food and hygiene supplies - only purchase what you would need for 10-14 days.

4. Cover mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing with a tissue or into a sleeve, not hands.

5. Clean and disinfect surfaces with appropriate cleaners (a solution of 10% bleach in water or rubbing alcohol are very effective for hard surfaces).

6. Plan for a sick room in your home for a sick family member, preferably with a bathroom, to isolate them from other well family members.

7. For additional planning tips, visit http://ready.nj.gov/plan-prepare/pandemic-influenza.shtml

We thank you for your patience and understanding during this difficult time.

Sincerely,

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Deputy Mayor John C. Brodowski
Commissioner Joseph D. Myers