



# BOROUGH OF SPRING LAKE HEIGHTS

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The Borough of Spring Lake Heights has been closely monitoring the developing situation and information available regarding the Corona Virus (COVID-19).

Mayor Campion and Council along with department leadership, including Police Chief Ed Gunnell, Public Works Director Joseph May, Administrator John Barrett, Fire Chief Casey Willms, and First Aid Squad Captain Howard Rockhill have been actively communicating and monitoring the situation on a continuous basis. Our primary concern is the safety and well-being of our residents.

Over the past few weeks, borough leadership has participated in many conference calls, meetings, and briefings with various State, County, and Local officials. The situation is constantly evolving. These interactions will continue until the situation has come to its conclusion. As important information is received, we will continue to provide public updates.

The borough has taken action to limit exposure and help do our part in order to slow the spread of this virus. Slowing the spread of virus is critical in order to help lessen the impact on the medical community and allow time for research to occur and further measures taken.

**Our actions include:**

- **Borough hall and buildings are open to essential personnel only.** Visits are limited to “by appointments only.” We have installed a drop box at borough hall to allow for payment of services and taxes by drop off. The office staff still will still be available by telephone and email in the usual manners for day to day business.
- **Trash collection will be curbside only until further notice.** This is to limit our public works employee’s exposure on your property and expedite collection. Residents with conditions that make them unable to move trash to curb for collection should call borough hall.

The most important people in this fight against the spread of virus are our residents. Each resident can contribute to protecting our community by being informed, remaining calm, and taking individual action to help slow the spread of the virus. How you can help is outlined below.

- **Avoid sharing inaccurate or unverified information.** Trust only information from verified, legitimate sources. There are various internet web sites with information on protecting yourself, preparing, symptoms, risks, and resources for the communities

to be informed. With today's instant access to limitless information, there is a large amount of inaccurate or sensationalized news being shared. A few good sources are outlined below:

- The New Jersey Department of Health has information posted here:  
<https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/ncov.shtml>
- The CDC has a dedicated website here:  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- The WHO has a dedicated website with information that can be found here:  
<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>
- **Practice good hygiene.**
  - Wash your hands with soap and water.
  - Avoid touching your face, eyes, nose, mouth.
  - Cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze.
  - Clean frequently used items.
- **Monitor your health.**
  - If you feel sick, call your primary care physician. Avoid contact with others and keep your distance to avoid transmission. Avoid crowded places.
  - Avoid calling 9-1-1 for non-emergency situations. If you do need emergency assistance and are feeling ill, be sure to tell the operator, to protect responders.
- **Protect our vulnerable communities.**
  - The members of society most likely to develop complications and severe symptoms are seniors and those with underlying health conditions. If you are sick or have come in contact with those who may be, keep your distance from these individuals to avoid exposing them to illness.

With regards to access to water and basic items, please be aware that county and state response plans include supply chain continuity for critical supplies. Of these are food, water, and fuel.

Residents are advised to have basic goods needed to self-sustain for a short duration, however through this event access to food deliveries is expected to maintain functional.

Our water utility is operational and there is no indication that anything in this situation will cause interruption of water service to your home.

We are all in this together. Our dedicated group of township employees and officials will continue to do all we can to ensure the safety and wellness of our community. Our emergency services including police, fire, and medical as well as our public works and other functions of government area ready, willing, and able to continue serving our town.

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