



A MESSAGE FROM...

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BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD, NJ

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Dear Friends,

On Monday morning, I convened a meeting of key personnel to discuss preparations for the impending Coronavirus (COVID-19) situation. Previously we had been in contact with the Governor's office, the NJ Department of Health, and CentraState Medical Center as well as our Risk Management Professionals and other sources of reliable information and guidance in these types of situations. Our purpose was to gather as much information about the possibilities that we may face in the coming weeks in order to be prepared and to protect our citizens and our employees to the best of our ability. We will continue meeting on a weekly basis so as to stay informed with the latest updates and coordinate all of our resources for the best possible outcomes.

There are still many unknowns about the current situation but it is our policy to prepare for all possibilities. We will continue to monitor the evolving situation and work with state and county officials to be responsive to our community's emerging needs.

In the meantime, there are certain steps that we all can take to reduce our risk of exposure to the disease:

**#1 Reduce the risk of coming into contact with the COVID-19 virus:**

- Avoid close contact with individuals who are at risk including persons who have recently traveled to impacted areas.
- Avoid touching your face, eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Wash your hands often with soap and hot water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol, if soap and water are not available.

**#2 Control the spread of illness to others:**

- Stay at home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Disinfect surfaces that may be infected such as door knobs, shopping carts and countertops

**#3 Get your information from reliable sources: :**

- Visit the Center for Disease Control website at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)
- Visit the State Department of Health website at [www.nj.gov/health/](http://www.nj.gov/health/)
- Contact the 24 hour NJ Coronavirus hotline at 800-222-1222
- Register for Borough News and Updates at [www.freeholdboroughnj.gov/resident-communications.html](http://www.freeholdboroughnj.gov/resident-communications.html)

We are continuing to monitor this situation and our preparedness efforts. I will provide additional updates as they become available. Thank you.

*Kevin A. Kane*

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