

March 27, 2020 Update

We have some new information and a few reminders for residents, business owners, and those who would like to give help, or who need help, handling the COVID-19 crisis.

First, Gov. Murphy's Executive Order 107 remains in effect throughout the state. That is the 'stay at home' order, which has very limited exceptions. The state's summary can be [found here](#)

Please continue to be strictly guided by its mandates. We're gratified by the compliance shown so far, and thank everyone for their cooperation.

Second, so many people have offered to help those who may be particularly susceptible to the virus, or who may otherwise be unable to get out to obtain prescriptions or basic necessities. You can find help by emailing [littlesilverhelpers.com](mailto:littleilverhelpers.com), or by calling (732) 383-5017.

Third, donations of hand sanitizer for our volunteer first responders can be left at the door to the Firehouse. Our volunteer services have been extraordinary in continuing to respond to every call, never hesitating to put themselves at risk. Please help them with a donation if you are able.

Fourth, donations to first responders, police and others who are in need of personal protection equipment such as masks and gloves, may be dropped off in the vestibule at the front door to Borough Hall.

As always, for those who venture out to make these donations, please practice social distancing and thoroughly wash your hands both before and after dropping off any items.

Fifth, Monmouth County health officials will continue to provide periodic updates of increases in cases throughout the county, but has discontinued providing a town-by-town count. Should that change, we will provide any new data about the number of cases in town. As of March 26, there were 506 positive cases in the county.

Sixth, information has begun to come out about potential help for our small businesses. A summary with contact information can be [found here](#).

Seventh, the county has established a hotline for general questions. You may call (732) 845-2070 between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m. on weekdays. Questions may also be emailed to MonmouthCOVID19@visitmonmouth.com.

Eighth, the county advises that donations of personal protective equipment may also be made at Thompson Park, 805 Newman Springs Road, Lincroft, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. More information about making donations can found by calling (732) 842-4000, ext. 4312.

Lastly, some borough updates. Borough Hall, the recycling yard and the Library remain closed to the public. Borough Hall is being sparingly staffed to protect our workers and promote compliance with the stay at home order, so please be patient if your call or inquiry is not immediately answered.

Curbside trash and recycling pickup continues as regularly scheduled. Brush and limb pickup will be performed on a limited basis with a scaled down public works crew, so if you can hold off placing that material to the street, please do so. We know that is an inconvenience, especially during spring clean-up season, and appreciate your assistance and understanding.

And our police will offer gentle reminders and instruction to anyone found not to be in compliance with the governor's order. It's not always easy to know what is and isn't allowed. Our officers continue to work, putting themselves at personal risk, and are here to help all of you. Please keep them in your thoughts as you go about your day.

We wish everyone continued good health, and especially good spirits under trying conditions. Find those silver linings - there are many. Help anyone who may need assistance whenever you are able - it will be appreciated, and the example will go far. Patronize our businesses whenever you can, within the guidelines of the stay at home order. And be kind to each other, in your comments and in your actions. This is new, and not easy.

I will continue to take calls at home (732) 576-8595, or emails to bobneff80@gmail.com, if you'd like to reach out or offer assistance to the town or your community.