

Update April 5, 2020

In the interest of keeping residents up to date with the local numbers, our health department advises that Little Silver has now had 19 people test positive for the virus, generally in the same range as surrounding towns. Many have asked about the number of recovered individuals, but we are being told that that information is not yet available. The state Department of Health is working on collecting that information.

As we move forward, we can be proud of the job we've done to help flatten the curve - but there is more to do. As always, you must stay home, socially distance if you are out under one of the exceptions allowed under Executive Order 107, and wash your hands frequently. You all know the refrain by now. In addition, the CDC is now recommending the use of cloth face coverings where social distancing may be difficult to maintain, such as in grocery stores or pharmacies, especially in areas of significant community-based transmission. The CDC says it has made that recommendation in part because its investigation shows that the virus can be spread even by those who are asymptomatic, or who are pre-symptomatic. These cloth face coverings do not need to be the surgical or N-95 masks, which are so critical for use by our health care workers and first responders. If you don't have a cloth face covering, the CDC has instructions on making them. The full CDC recommendation can be found here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html>

Please continue to stay home unless absolutely necessary, which helps you and others, including our first responders, to stay safe. And please periodically check our website, Facebook page, and Constant Contact for local updates and instructions, where you will also find ways to help and to donate critical supplies. And for those who need help with prescriptions, buying groceries, or the like, please email Little Silver Helpers at littlesilverhelpers@gmail.com. Thanks for helping to stop the spread.