

## March 24, 2020 Update

The Monmouth County Health Department is periodically updating the total number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in each municipality. As of this evening (March 24, 2020) we are advised that Little Silver has twelve such cases, up from the initial three cases identified two weeks ago.

The county's full update, showing similar increases in towns throughout the county, can be found here, <https://co.monmouth.nj.us/PressDetail.aspx?ID=2811> . We will post further updates as they are received.

Because of privacy restrictions, the county is not releasing any further information about the new cases, although we do understand that no school students (elementary, high school or college) were among the new cases in Little Silver.

The Monmouth County Regional Health Commission continues to work to identify all those in Little Silver who may have been in contact with anyone who has tested positive. Should you be contacted by a representative of the Commission, please cooperate and comply with any instructions you may be given.

We encourage everyone to continue to obey the state's order to stay at home, and when lawfully out in public, to practice social distancing, as ordered. If you believe you may be sick, contact your doctor, and follow the advice you are given

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As most are aware, Gov. Murphy today (March 21) issued executive order 107 setting further restrictions meant to contain COVID-19, including closing non-essential businesses and issuing a 'stay at home' order. Little Silver is requiring all businesses and residents to follow the order, as required by Gov. Murphy's executive order 108 meant to create a uniform state response to the crisis.

The orders themselves are attached [here](#) and [here](#) . To try to spare you a reading of both orders in their entirety, a summary is attached [here](#) .

We continue to publish a list of Little Silver businesses with their contact information and what may be different in light of the orders. Because this is a fluid situation preventing a minute-by-minute update of the list, we recommend contacting any business you'd like to patronize (and we strongly encourage patronizing our businesses where that is possible to do in compliance with the order) for the latest information before venturing out.

In addition to following the orders, Little Silver is urging patience among our residents who may have business with the borough. Our employees must be kept safe as well, and we need to protect against a situation that would require a full borough shut down. Accordingly, we are likely to have only one or two employees in borough hall at any one time. In addition, our public works department is suspending its day-to-day operations, with our superintendent working remotely and a four-man emergency crew ready to come in if absolutely necessary.

We need everyone to understand and work with these conditions. Curbside garbage and recycling pickup will continue as normal, but the recycling yard is closed. With respect to brush and limb collection, please refrain from putting that material to the curb unless absolutely necessary. Staging

it at curbside so that it can be put out on the street once we can safely deploy our public works crews again, in compliance with the governor's order, will be extremely helpful.

I will hold another Facebook Live session briefly on Monday at 5:30, followed by a Borough Council meeting to be held remotely at 7 p.m., per the previously posted instructions. The borough is conducting business only as absolutely needed and as we can safely do so, so we expect the agenda to be very light. Our budget will be introduced at the meeting, with a public hearing to be held in the future for all who would like to comment. We will also introduce an ordinance to fund capital expenditures called for in the budget, and will consider a fairly perfunctory set of resolutions including paying bills, approving meeting minutes, and approving other matters more fully listed directly on the agenda, which has been posted as usual.

Lastly, in a call with our US Senators today, I was assured that the federal government continues to work in a bipartisan way to pass an approximately one trillion dollar relief package, including a loan package with a lenient forgiveness policy for our small businesses. We will learn more once that package is finalized and signed into law. On the state level, residents may speak with a healthcare professional at 1-800-962-1253, or for general information call 211. You may also text NJCOVID to 898-211.

We wish everyone well, and implore everyone to continue to scrupulously follow Gov. Murphy's orders, particularly the stay at home order, so that we can stop this pernicious virus in its tracks at the earliest possible moment. We will publish further information as it is available, and refer everyone to our prior posts, both on Constant Contact, our Facebook page, and on our website, for contact information and advice about other locations where health and emergency response information at the state and federal level may be found. On our website, [littlesilver.org](http://littlesilver.org), click on the button on the homepage that reads 'COVID-19 Announcements and Updates' for all of our posted announcements and updates.