

Important health alert issued for Lower Township due to Coronavirus (COVID-19) from Lower Township Mayor Frank Sippel:

The President of the United States has declared a national emergency and the Governor a State Emergency referencing the Coronavirus (COVID-19). This is a time to listen to the experts and take necessary steps to mitigate the spread of this virus. As of today, we are unaware of anyone in Lower Township or Cape May County that has been affected by the Coronavirus. However, this information is changing by the hour. The safety and well-being of the residents of Lower Township is our top priority. Community spread, person to person, of the virus is currently a major concern. Health experts have said social distancing, the practice of avoiding public areas and crowded places, as well as staying several feet apart from other people, can stop or drastically slow the spread throughout our community. The State and County Health Departments have made several other recommendations that will be published by the Township.

Today, the Governor has implemented steps to slow down the spread of the Coronavirus. Lower Township has taken the following steps:

Lower Township is open for business, but closed to the public. We are encouraging all our residents to practice social distancing. Town hall has a DROP BOX for any communication(s) you wish to drop off – the doors will be locked. Lower Township Municipal Court is closed. We are cancelling all group activities and programs at both the Recreation Center and Millman Center until further notice. All outdoor recreation facilities will remain open for public use until further notice. The Public Works Department will continue normal operations.

Our Police Department has instituted a protocol, which is explained in detail on the website. Lower Cape May Regional School District will have Grab-and-Go breakfast and lunch available at various sites throughout the district, please check the school's website for additional information, LCMRschooldistrict.com.

LOWER TOWNSHIP WILL PROVIDE INFORMATION BY THE FOLLOWING MEANS:

Via website – www.townshipoflower.org

Facebook page: Township of Lower

Nixle – you can register for Nixle from our Township Website

We encourage you to conduct all business with the Township via phone 609-886-2005. Some of our older residents may not have access to social media or the internet. We would ask that you check on your neighbors and family members throughout this health crisis.

Again, the situation is changing by the hour, please be flexible. This is a time when we all need to pull together, as a community, and beat this virus! On behalf of myself, all Council and the Township Manager we will continue to work hard and look after the safety and well-being of all Lower Township residents. Thank you for taking the time to read this message and have a great evening.

Mayor Frank Sippel