



TOWN of DOVER
Mayor Carolyn Blackman

EXECUTIVE ORDER # 1

Declaration of State of Emergency
for the Town of Dover, New Jersey, Morris County Pursuant to the State of
New Jersey Office of Emergency Management Directive No. 61
as it relates to Coronavirus (COVID-19)

To all residents of the Town of Dover, persons within the Town of Dover, County of Morris, State of New Jersey and to all departments of the government of the Town of Dover, County of Morris, out of an abundance of caution and after consultation with the Town's Emergency Management Coordinator (OEM Coordinator), Health Officials, Superintendent of Schools, Chief Law Enforcement Officer (CLEO) and my administration, I, along with the Office of Emergency Management of the Town of Dover, hereby, as of 4:00 p.m. today, March 16, 2020, declare the Town of Dover in a State of Emergency.

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the powers vested by Chapter 251 of the Laws of 1942, as amended and supplemented, J.J.S.A. APP. A:9-30 et seq.; N.J.S.A. 40:48-1(6); N.J.S.A. 2C:33-1 et seq.; whichever law or laws ex apply, including, the Code of the Town of Dover, a local disaster emergency is declared to exist within the boundaries of the Town of Dover; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid laws authorize the promulgation of such Orders, Rules, and Regulations of such Orders, Rules, and Regulations are necessary to meet the various problems, which have or may occur due to such emergency; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that conditions exist in the Town of Dover, which may affect the health, safety, and welfare of the people of the Town of Dover; specifically, due to the local, regional, national, and worldwide pandemic of the COVID-19 virus, commonly known as Coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, the delineation of the Order is all areas within the legal boundaries of the approximate 2.5 square miles of the Town of Dover; and

WHEREAS, this decision is consistent with the State of Emergency declared by the President of the United States and by New Jersey's Governor and is intended to help contain the spread of COVID-19, in response to the increasing numbers of cases in the county, state, region, nation, and world. A State of Emergency in the Town of Dover has been deemed necessary to dovetail containment efforts of the county, state, and federal

governments and to ensure the continued provision of essential services to our residents during this ongoing and developing health emergency.

NOW THEREFORE, in accordance with the aforesaid laws, it is promulgated and declared that the following regulations shall be in addition to all other laws of the State of New Jersey and the Town of Dover, please be advised of the following Special Orders and Advisements:

1. I hereby Advise our residents the Dover Police Department shall actively enforce the State Curfew enacted by Governor Phil Murphy of the State of New Jersey via Executive Order No. 104 on March 16, 2020; The following facilities are ordered closed to members of the public, effective 8:00 p.m. on Monday, March 16, 2020. These facilities are to remain closed to the public for as long as the Governor's Executive Order remains in effect. The State Director of Emergency Management, who is the Superintendent of State Police, shall have the discretion to make additions, amendments, clarifications, exceptions, and exclusions to this list:
 - a. Casino gaming floors, including retail sports wagering lounges, and casino concert and entertainment venues. Online and mobile sports and casino gaming services may continue to be offered notwithstanding the closure of the physical facility.
 - b. Racetracks, including stabling facilities and retail sports wagering lounges. Mobile sports wagering services may continue to be offered notwithstanding the closure of the physical facility.
 - c. Gyms and fitness centers and classes.
 - d. Entertainment centers, including but not limited to, movie theaters, performing arts centers, other concert venues, and nightclubs.
2. Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order No. 104, other non-essential retail, recreational, and entertainment businesses must cease daily operations from 8:00 p.m. until 5:00 a.m.. From 5:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m., these businesses may remain open if they limit their occupancy to no more than 50 persons and adhere to social distancing guidelines. Examples of essential businesses excluded from this directive include: grocery/food stores, pharmacies, medical supply stores, gas stations, healthcare facilities and ancillary stores within healthcare facilities. The State Director of Emergency Management, who is the Superintendent of State Police, shall have the discretion to make additions, amendments, clarifications, exceptions, and exclusions to the list of essential businesses and to the timelines applicable to operating hours.
3. Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order No. 104, all restaurants, dining establishments, and food courts, with or without a liquor license, all bars, and all other holders of a liquor license with retail consumption privileges, are permitted to operate their normal business hours, but are limited to offering only food delivery and/or take-out services. If alcoholic beverages are to be sold from a restaurant, dining establishment or bar with a liquor license, such sales shall be limited to original containers sold from the principal public barroom. All retail sales of alcoholic beverages by limited brewery licensees, restricted brewery licensees, plenary and farm winery licensees (and associated salesrooms), craft distillery licensees and cidery and meadery licensees must be in original containers and must be delivered by licensed entities and/or by customer pick up.

4. Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order No. 104, from the effective date of this Declaration and until further notice:
 - a. It is hereby mandated that all food service establishments, and other places of public accommodation develop:
 - i. Heightened sanitation protocols consistent with CDC Guidelines and ensure clean conditions exist between customers, and establishments and areas of frequent use and contact be sanitized regularly; and
 - ii. Hand sanitizers be provided to customers at entrances and exits to such establishments; and
 - iii. Gloves must be worn while handling food and sales merchandise; and
 - iv. All other Health Department rules and regulations remain in full force and effect; and
5. Churches, Synagogues, Mosques and other places of worship limit person to person interaction and provide for social distancing to no more than 50 people; and
6. A Juvenile Curfew for individuals 17 years of age and younger is hereby enacted for youth within the Town of Dover. This curfew will remain in effect until further Order; and
7. Town Hall Offices and the Departments of Public Works, Engineering, Planning and Water Commission will remain operational, but be closed to the public. All staff will be available via telephone and email in an effort to continue to provide municipal services to our residents; and
8. Residents and property owners are encouraged to utilize the Town's online options for tax and utility payments. If a resident must visit Town Hall to conduct business, it will be only by appointment and only with members of the respective department; and
9. All Town of Dover sporting, recreational, and cultural activities / programs are suspended until further notice; and
10. All independent sponsored youth organizations such as soccer, baseball, and any other youth sports activities are hereby suspended until further notice; and
11. All Towns parks and open space remain available for public use; however, there shall be no organized activities. When enjoying our parks, please use appropriate social distancing; and
12. Pursuant to the *Notice To The Bar* dated March 14, 2020, which is available at www.dover.nj.us and is posted on the doors of Town Hall, the Town of Dover's Municipal Court, which services the Town of Dover and the Borough of Victory Gardens, is suspended from Monday, March 16, 2020 through Friday, March 27, 2020 with restricted public access to court staff; however, guidance will be available via email or telephone; however, per the notice, "the Municipal Court will continue to handle certain matters, including calendars where a defendant has been detained; probable cause determinations; and applications for temporary restraining orders, Extreme Risk Protective Orders, and search warrants; as well as other matters of that implicate public safety. Attorneys and parties required to appear between March 16-27 will be specifically notified of the requirement to appear."; and
13. All public safety operations will continue with specified limitations in public access to police and fire headquarters pursuant to the special orders of those respective departments; and
14. Health and other essential code inspections will continue; and
15. Water and Sewer services will remain fully operational, access to the employees will be limited to the public; on-line payment(s) is encouraged; and

16. Public Works projects, and garbage and recycling collection will continue subject to changing personnel limitations; and
17. Dial A Ride and the Senior Service Bus Program will operate on a limited basis for transportation for essential services and needs; and
18. Monthly parking permits that expire during the month of March will be extended until 11:59 p.m. on April 15, 2020; and
19. All other municipal services will remain operational subject to modification due to personnel limitations and/or local needs; and
20. This Emergency Order will take place on Monday, March 16, 2020 at 5:00 p.m, but is subject to modification based upon local needs and orders, directives, and recommendations of the appropriate federal, state, and county governments. Updates will be provided as specified.

MESSAGE TO THE COMMUNITY:

Because the COVID-19 virus has been deemed a pandemic, we recognize there will be disruption to Town services and access to Town Hall and other public buildings. Notwithstanding, as local government officials, public workers, volunteers and other contracting agencies and personnel, we will do our best to continue to provide essential services for the public good of our Town residents. We regret having to close or limit services normally provided to school children, parents, seniors, disabled persons and those who rely on Town resources. However, our Emergency Management Team will continue to monitor the public health emergency closely and is prepared respond to any contingencies that arise.

The Town will continue to provide residents with public service announcements as necessary using our "Smart911 reverse" call service and will maintain our website and social media with updates as they become available. Please visit our website at :

- <https://www.facebook.com/townofdovernj/>
- <https://www.dover.nj.us>

While we rely upon the expertise of federal, state and county officials to help contain this virus, we have faith in our neighbors and fellow citizens to rise to this challenge for the good of our Town in the weeks to come.

In the meantime, be safe and please follow recommended guidance from your healthcare provider.


Emergency Management Coordinator

3/16/2020
Date


Mayor, Town of Dover

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