



Public Health Update

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Daily Update on COVID-19

As new information continues to emerge about the COVID-19 Coronavirus, the Township of Bloomfield wants to make sure all residents are well-informed on the steps we are taking to keep everyone safe.

Live streaming will be available for tonight's Council Meeting via:

- Channel 35 (Comcast) and Channel 30 (Verizon FIOS)
- Bloomfield Township Website <https://www.bloomfieldwpnj.com>
- WBMA-TV Website <http://www.wbmatv.com/>
- FB Live: <https://www.facebook.com/bloomfieldwpnj/>

All questions/ comments must be submitted to twpcclerk@bloomfieldwpnj.com prior to 7:00 pm tonight.

- All municipal offices, recreational facility and playgrounds are CLOSED to the public until further notice. Certain personnel will still report to work and will be available via phone and email.

Per Governor Murphy's Order:

- Closure of ALL pre-K, K-12 schools, colleges, and universities beginning 3/18
- Closure of ALL casinos, racetracks, theaters, gyms
- Closure of ALL non-essential retail, recreational, & entertainment businesses after 8:00 PM
- Banning gatherings of 50+
- All bars and restaurants are closed for eat-in services effective 8:00 PM tonight. After 8:00 PM, these establishments may open for takeout and delivery services ONLY, until further notice. These restrictions exist during daytime hours.
- All pre-K through grade 12 schools (public, private, and parochial) and all colleges and universities will close effective Wednesday, March 18th until it's deemed by health officials to be safe for in-person classes to resume.
- Starting tonight, all non-essential and non-emergency travel in New Jersey is strongly discouraged between the hours of 8:00 PM AND 5:00 AM. This will remain in effect for the foreseeable future. We want everyone to be home – and not out.
- Essential businesses which are necessary for the public's health, safety, and welfare – like supermarkets and grocery stores, pharmacies, medical offices, and gas stations – may remain open past 8:00 PM.



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- Effective 8:00 PM tonight, all movie theaters, gyms, casinos, and racetracks will close entirely until it is deemed safe for their reopening. Online gaming will continue.
- Effective tonight, all other non-essential retail, recreational, and entertainment businesses **MUST CLOSE** after 8:00 PM. During daytime hours, these businesses may remain open if they limit their occupancy to no more than 50 persons and adhere to social distancing guidelines. All gatherings of over 50 individuals are **CANCELED** effective 8:00 PM tonight. We do not take any of the steps we've announced today lightly. We know that these will impact residents and families, communities, and businesses. But our paramount concern is to #FlattenTheCurve – these steps will ensure we do not overload our health care system.

We will be enforcing these requirements of the State.

Important information from the Tax & Water Department:

- While the municipal building remains closed to the general public, if you would like to make a payment towards your property taxes, water bill, sewer bill (for tax exempt properties), or landscaping charges, you can drop off the payments by check only (no cash) in the special drop box in the lobby of the Police Department. Please mark all payments or forms referencing the Tax or Water Collection Department. The payments and forms will then be sent to appropriate department for processing.

You may also drop off any senior citizen/disabled forms, or documents intended to one of the municipal offices at in the lobby of the Police Department.

As an additional note, payments can be made by mail or by using the township's website on-line payment system. You can also use the township's website to look up any property tax or water info. To make payments or to use as a look-up for taxes or water, click on "Tax & Water Payments" and follow the instructions.

Members of the community are asked to continue practicing the CDC Safety Guidelines to prevent exposure to the virus:

- Cover your mouth when you sneeze or cough with your arm or a tissue.
- Wash your hand with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer.
- Please practice social distancing! Do not go out if you are sick.
- If you are experiencing symptoms such as fever, cough or shortness of breath call your doctor.

We will continue to provide updates as they become available.

Township of Bloomfield