

As of today, Gloucester County has 950 positive cases and 3,102 negative tests of COVID-19. Pitman is now at 21 confirmed cases with men and women ranging in age from 23 to 85 years old. As nice weather comes, the need and desire to get outside grows even stronger. If you do venture out, please continue to adhere to all social distancing directives. Parents, please make sure your children also understand how important it is to limit their interaction with others to reduce the spread as best we can. Many first responders and health care workers are forced to isolate themselves from their own children and families to ensure their safety. Let's all help to show that we support them by making sure we continue to distance ourselves a minimum of 6-10 feet from anyone that is not sheltered at home with us.

* With many residents asking about the best way to go about paying their quarterly taxes and water bills, we have posted information here on how to make those payments. As mentioned here before, our staff working in the Finance Office of the Borough are in the office Monday through Thursday, 8am-2pm so they are there to process your payments. One note...as you will see in the payment info posted here, you can have a receipt mailed to you if you wish to have more than just your cancelled check as proof of payment. You can also provide your email address with your payment and request an email confirmation of your payment's receipt.

*For residents currently collecting unemployment or anyone seeking additional information regarding applying for unemployment, please visit www.myunemployment.nj.gov for more information. By clicking the "Need Help" link on the site, users are able to submit their questions directly to the NJ Department of Labor. Information from the Department for self-employed individuals has also been posted here.

*To provide additional options to tenants who are struggling financially, the Governor yesterday signed Executive Order No. 128, allowing tenants to direct their landlords to use their security deposits to offset rent or back rent. A copy of the executive order can be found by clicking [here](#).

*The next County drive up testing site at Rowan College of South Jersey on Tanyard Road, Sewell will be offered on Thursday, April 30th beginning at 10:00am. Residents 18 and older with symptoms of COVID-19 must call (856) 218-4142 in advance to be prescreened. Please have your insurance information available when you call. Once prescreened an appointment time will be scheduled.

*This week, the Governor secured relief for individuals with student loans who are having difficulty making payments due to their individual circumstances during this economic shutdown. The measures include, but are not limited to, 90 days of forbearance relief for borrowers and the waiving of late fees. More information can be obtained by calling the NJ Department of Banking and Insurance at 1-800-446-7467 or by visiting <https://www.state.nj.us/dobi/>.

*The state has established a helpful tool under their COVID-19 hub to help assist with self-assessment of symptoms. The COVID-19 symptom checker can be found at <https://self.covid19.nj.gov/>.

*Gloucester County Division of Senior Services is helping seniors who are in need of meal assistance. Please call 856-384-6900 for meal assistance or visit <http://www.gloucestercountynj.gov/depts/h/hedss/senservices/default.asp> for more information.

*The NJ Department of Human Services' Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services, in collaboration with the Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, is now providing a videophone helpline for individuals who are deaf and/or hard of hearing to access emotional support during the current situation. Visit <https://www.njmentalhealthcares.org/helplinefordeafhardofhearing/> for more information.

Stay well,

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