

In our ongoing effort to provide our residents with the most current information and to act accordingly with regard to the current status of this ever changing situation, Borough officials again joined the county conference call this morning. We have also been receiving new information throughout the day from Federal, State and County sources as well as our own Office of Emergency Management, including a summary of the Governor's Executive Order #104 (see attached). This afternoon, the County and State confirmed the first positive cases of COVID-19 in Gloucester County. These individuals are male and female who have a history of international travel. Male, 59, is currently hospitalized at Inspira Medical Center-Mullica Hill and improving. Female, 57, is at home in isolation and continues to be asymptomatic. These individuals reside in Glassboro. In spite of the County's Declaration of a State of Emergency to insure that the proper authorities will be unhampered in their efforts to maintain law and order, the County also confirmed that the overall threat of COVID-19 to Gloucester County residents remains low.

Based on the most recent developments, the Borough has decided to take additional action to keep our employees and our residents safe. We also have the following new information to build upon what has already been provided.

*Borough Hall will be closed to the public starting 3/18/2020. Our staff will still be working as best as they can to continue any and all essential services. Our Administrative Offices can be reached by telephone and our drop box in the vestibule of Borough Hall will still be accessible for payments. Any requests for reports from our Police Department should be done by email at sawilson@pitman.org.

*While our parks remain open at this time, signs are in the process of being posted at our various fields and facilities limiting the use of those areas in an effort to minimize the number of residents gathered on public property. Please continue to avoid large groups or contact with others.

*The COVID-19 Symposiums scheduled for tomorrow at 10am, 2pm, and 4pm will now be offered as Facebook Live events. Please see the attached information on how to access those sessions, and you do not need a Facebook account/profile to view these events. If your question is not answered during the live events, the county has set up an email for submitting your questions: covid19questions@co.gloucester.nj.us.

*The State also continues to provide their call center for NJ residents with questions at 800-222-1222 or 800-962-1253. The call center is open 24/7 and has multi-language capacity.

Please continue to visit our page here, the CDC at www.cdc.gov, the NJ Department of Health at www.nj.gov/health, and the County site at www.gloucestercountynj.gov for the most up to date information. Please feel free to contact me at michael.razze@pitman.org.

...and in an effort to provide some normalcy during this unprecedented time, Happy St Patrick's Day to all!

Stay well.

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