

This morning, I had the opportunity to participate on a conference call with other borough officials to obtain any new information from the county departments of health, economic development and emergency management. Much of the information shared was a repeat of information already provided with regard to steps to be taken to prevent contracting or spreading the COVID-19 virus. They also confirmed that as of 10am this morning, there were no confirmed cases of COVID-19 infection in the county.

In light of the Governor's actions today and the closing of the Pitman Public Schools, the Borough of Pitman is taking the following precautions:

- Borough Hall remains open to the public at this time for essential business only.
- Borough Hall and all other Borough fields and facilities will be closed to outside groups for scheduled meetings, events, practices, or games.
- All non-essential Borough committee meetings have been cancelled through 3/31/2020.
- Licensing deadlines between 3/16/2020 and 3/31/2020 have been postponed until 4/10/2020.
- McCowan Memorial Library will close to the public 3/17/2020 until 3/31/2020. The outside book return is still available for use.

***\*\*As mentioned previously, this situation changes daily...sometimes hourly. These initiatives may change as issues develop.***

We were also provided additional links and resources for our business community, and for residents whose employment has been affected by the current circumstances.

The New Jersey Economic Development Authority (NJEDA) has set up a webpage that outlines resources for companies impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak. Please visit the following page for more information: [www.njeda.com/about/Public-Information/Coronavirus-Information](http://www.njeda.com/about/Public-Information/Coronavirus-Information)

The SBA has funded new release programs as well. Be advised that some details are still pending. Please visit the following page for more information: [www.sba.gov/about-sba/sba-newsroom/press-releases-media-advisories/sba-provide-disaster-assistance-loans-small-businesses-impacted-coronavirus-covid-19](http://www.sba.gov/about-sba/sba-newsroom/press-releases-media-advisories/sba-provide-disaster-assistance-loans-small-businesses-impacted-coronavirus-covid-19)

The New Jersey Department of Labor has released more resources regarding the COVID-19 outbreak. Work-related questions and answers regarding COVID-19 can be found by visiting [www.nj.gov/labor/covid](http://www.nj.gov/labor/covid)

To file and unemployment claim please go online or call Unemployment Insurance at contact information below:

South New Jersey: 856-507-2340

Out-of-state claims: 888-795-6672 (you must call from a phone with an out-of-state area code)

Website: <https://myunemployment.nj.gov/labor/myunemployment/>

For general questions please visit [nj.gov/health](http://nj.gov/health) or call the NJ COVID-19 hotline at 1-800-962-1253. Trained professionals are standing by to answer your call 24/7.

We will continue to distribute new information as it becomes available.

Thank you,

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