

PROCLAMATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY
TO ALL CITIZENS AND PERSONS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF
HANOVER AND TO ALL DEPARTMENTS, DIVISIONS AND BUREAUS OF
THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER:

WHEREAS, pursuant to the powers vested in me by (Chapter 251 of the laws of 1942, as amended and supplemented, **N.J.S.A. App. A:9-30 et. seq.**; **N.J.S.A. 40:48-1 (6)**, and ordinances enacted pursuant thereto; **N.J.S.A. 2C:33-1 et. seq.**), **Executive Order 103** and by ordinances adopted by the Township of Hanover, I have declared that a **STATE OF EMERGENCY exists** within the Township of Hanover; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid laws authorize the promulgation of such orders, rules, and regulations as are necessary to meet the various problems which have or may be presented by such an emergency; and

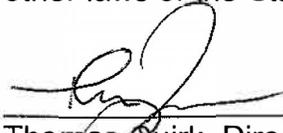
WHEREAS, by reason of the rapidly evolving outbreak of the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, the need for government operations to address staffing capabilities to ensure essential operational needs are met in order to mitigate factors which may further adversely affect the health, safety, and welfare of the people of the Township of Hanover and exacerbate and worsen existing conditions; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to **N.J.S.A. App. A:9-33.1**, entitled "Emergency Powers of Government," a disaster is defined as an unusual incident resulting from natural or unnatural causes which endangers the health or safety of residents; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that in the event these areas of the Township of Hanover should be declared disaster areas, and further that certain measures must be taken to ensure that the authorities will be unhampered in their efforts to maintain law and order as well as an orderly flow of traffic and further in order to protect the persons and property of the residents affected by the conditions and finally that governmental operations including but not limited to the conduct of public meetings shall be substantially altered; and

WHEREAS, all lands within the boundaries of the Township of Hanover, as a result of the outbreak of the Novel Coronavirus, are hereby designated as disaster areas, in accordance with the "Emergency Powers of Government."

NOW, THEREFORE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH the aforesaid laws, we do hereby promulgate and declare the following regulations shall be in addition to all other laws of the State of New Jersey and the Township of Hanover.



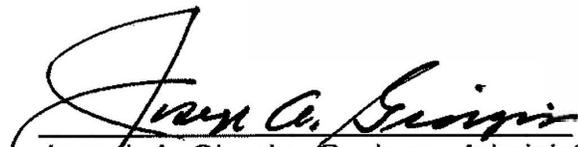
Thomas Quirk, Director
Office of Emergency Management
Township of Hanover

3-17-20
Date



Ronald F. Francioli, Mayor
Township of Hanover
On behalf of the Hanover Township Committee

3/17/20
Date



Joseph A. Giorgio, Business Administrator
Township of Hanover

3/17/20
Date

March 16, 2020

STATE OF HANOVER TOWNSHIP LOCAL EMERGENCY

Out of an abundance of caution, and to help curtail the possibility of community spread of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), today, the Mayor and Township Committee and the Office of Emergency Management have declared a “State of Local Emergency” in Hanover Township.

The declaration will ensure the continuous delivery of essential public services during the rapidly evolving outbreak of COVID-19 and allow for government operations to stay flexible to address staffing capabilities and essential operational needs. The issuance of the emergency declaration gives the OEM Coordinator authority to implement and carry out emergency management operations that may be necessary to protect the health, safety and resources of our community. The declaration also authorizes the use of special orders or emergency protective measures that can be taken. The following emergency protective measures will be implemented on Monday, March 17, 2020 and expire on April 6, 2020, at which point the protocols described below will be reevaluated and extended, if necessary. Other special orders may be forthcoming:

- Residents shall utilize online payment options, U.S. Mail, and drop box services at the Township Municipal Building for taxes, sewer payments, licenses, permits and other local government applications.
- Residents shall utilize phone, email, and, if necessary, the Township’s web site at www.hanovertownship.com to make routine inquiries and/or report information to the Township.
- The Municipal Building, Community Center and Public Works Complex will be closed to the public starting on March 17, 2020 through Monday, April 6, 2020 at which time an assessment will be made as to whether these facilities will be reopened to the public. Employees will report to work and be at their work stations during this period of time to assist the public via telephone or through the web site.
- All meetings of Boards, Commissions and Committees are cancelled through Monday, April 6, 2020 at which time an assessment will be made as to whether these meetings can reconvene.
- Building Department inspections will be scheduled on a case-by-case basis depending on need.

- Township Committee meetings will be held as scheduled. However, meetings may be held by other means of communication equipment, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-8(b), if necessary. More information on this, including how the public will be permitted to participate in the meeting, may be forthcoming as conditions change.
- Township employees may be enabled to work from home as needed if conditions warrant the closure of the Municipal Building, Community Center and Public Works Complex.
- Work schedules may be altered and personnel re-assigned as needed.
- In-state conferences and seminars are prohibited for Township employees and other officials for the next thirty (30) days.
- All Recreation Department sponsored programs, activities and events are cancelled through April 6, 2020 at which time an assessment will be made if such programs may commence. In addition, all parks and recreation facilities are closed as well.
- If you require information on the Novel COVID-19 Virus, please visit the Township's web site where we provide links to the Centers for Disease Control and the New Jersey Department of Health which posts information on a daily basis.

All information is subject to change as this pandemic evolves. Residents are advised to monitor the Township's website for updates.