



West Windsor Township

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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
Division of Health
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Public Health Update
2019 Coronavirus Outbreak (COVID-2019)
March 16, 2020; 5:00 PM

Presumptive/Confirmed Positives in West Windsor Residents is 0

As we observe additional cases of COVID-19 reported in the State of New Jersey, please be assured that Township officials are working around the clock to reduce the impacts to our community. At this time we have no reports of positive COVID-19 illness in a Township resident. However, it is very important for the public to remain diligent in preventative measures and practice social distancing. Please stay home if you are ill! Everyone should be avoiding public gatherings with more than 50 persons from now and through May 3rd 2020. This strategy requires us to work together to slow the spread.

Earlier today, Governor Murphy issued an Executive Order to provide enhanced protections. The following restrictions are in place:

- All bars, restaurants, gyms, movie theaters, and casinos in New Jersey (as well as New York and Connecticut) will be ordered to close at 8:00 pm Monday, March 16, 2020 and will remain closed until further notice to protect against COVID-19. Restaurants and bars will be permitted to offer takeout and delivery. Supermarkets and pharmacies will be open.
- All public and private schools in New Jersey are to close on Wednesday, March 18, 2020.
- New Jersey is strongly discouraging residents from making non-essential travel between 8pm-5am.

Locally, Mayor Marathe and his team of professionals are taking necessary steps to protect the community, ensure continuity of operations for essential government services and identify needed services to support residents during this event. Township buildings will close for public access on March 17, 2020 as a precautionary measure. This measure is taken to help ensure continuation of operations during the outbreak. Township employees will report to work and continue to conduct official business during regular office hours.

Mayor Marathe and Health Officer, Jill Swanson strongly encourage the public to reach out to family members and neighbors that are at highest risk for serious COVID-19 illness. The elderly and people of all ages with underlying medical condition are the most vulnerable to serious health outcomes. Please look around you to identify the people in your life who are at-risk and take immediate steps to help them remain in their homes and away from crowded stores and venues. Check in by telephone on a regular basis to ensure that they have adequate supplies and remain healthy. Working together as a team we can help lessen the impact of this outbreak on our local community.

For the most up-to-date and credible information, please monitor the websites listed below or call the NJDOH COVID-19 Hotline, 24/7, at 1-800-222-1222.

www.CDC.gov

www.nj.gov/health

www.westwindsornj.org (Please click on the **Health News Tab** at the top of the homepage.)

New Jersey Case Counts by County

https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/covid2019_dashboard.shtml

The West Windsor Health Department can be reached at 609-936-8400 for additional information.