

West Windsor Township Council

Resumption of In-Person Meetings with COVID-19 Prevention Precautions

September 29, 2020

West Windsor Township Mayor and Council will resume select in-person regularly, scheduled public meetings starting September 29, 2020 for Township Council, Planning and Zoning Board meetings. The Township recognizes that the risk of exposure to COVID-19 persists in the community settings; however, the State of New Jersey has entered Stage II of our re-start plan and risks can be reduced by taking proper precautions. Members of the public are welcome to attend open sessions while adhering to the rules of attendance.

These measures have been established to safeguard the health of participants and staff.

1. All in-person public meetings will be relocated to the West Windsor Township Senior Center Activity Room located at 271 Clarksville Road, West Windsor, NJ 08550.
2. During the declared public health emergency, the maximum capacity of the room is determined by the indoor gathering limitations established by the Governor's Executive Orders in effect on the date of the meeting. In the event that participation exceeds the maximum capacity of the room at a particular session, spot-cancellation will occur to allow for rescheduling and relocation to a larger venue.
3. Social distancing of six (6) feet or greater is required. The current seating layout maintains social distancing between participants. Attendees shall not re-arrange seating configurations.
4. All persons shall complete an attendance form prior to entering the meeting room and attest that they meet the following restrictions:
 - They have had no known exposure to COVID-19 in the previous 14 days;
 - They are symptom-free;
 - They have not been recently diagnosed with COVID-19;
 - They are not under directions from health officials/medical providers to self-quarantine or self-isolate; and
 - They have not returned from a COVID-19 hot-spot listed on the NJ Travel Advisory within the previous 14 days.

<https://covid19.nj.gov/faqs/nj-information/travel-and-transportation/which-states-are-on-the-travel-advisory-list-are-there-travel-restrictions-to-or-from-new-jersey#direct-link>

5. Attendees shall agree to notify the Township Health Officer if they are diagnosed with COVID-19 after attending a meeting when the onset of symptoms or lab testing occurs within 48 hours of the session. West Windsor Health Department can be contacted at 609-936-8400.

- 6. Masks (face coverings) are required for all participants at the public meetings in accordance with Executive Order No. 152. Individuals who are unable to wear a face covering due to health reasons will not be required to wear a mask.**
- 7. Shared objects, pens, plans, papers and other physical items will be minimized to the extent possible. Participants are encouraged to wash hands often and use hand sanitizer after touching shared objects.**
- 8. Professionals should refrain from distributing materials at meetings. Information should be made available electronically, when feasible. Professionals shall coordinate with administration prior to the meeting to facilitate distribution.**
- 9. Gathering, or otherwise congregating, prior to or following the meeting is strongly discouraged.**
- 10. The meeting room, chairs, table tops and high-touch points are disinfected before and after every session.**
- 11. Handwashing is strongly encouraged. Hand sanitizer stations are available onsite. Individuals are further encouraged to carry personal hand sanitizer so it is readily available within their personal space for frequent use.**
- 12. At this time of uncertainty, we must recognize that individuals face varying degrees of health challenges. Please be respectful of the personal precautions individuals choose to safeguard themselves and their family members. Individuals may opt out of attendance at in-person meetings and the Township will make efforts to accommodate to the extent possible. Please notify the Township Clerk in advance to request accommodations for the Council meetings.**
- 13. Individuals should assess their vulnerability and risk for severe illness prior to attending public gatherings. Even with the careful control measures instituted by the Township, there are some risks for exposure to COVID-19 wherever you are in public settings during the pandemic.**
- 14. The Township may modify these guidelines as current conditions and recommendations evolve.**