

**DECLARATION AND ORDER BY THE MAYOR AND OFFICE OF  
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OF STRICT ENFORCEMENT  
OF SAFE DISTANCING AND USE OF MASKS  
IN THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH BRUNSWICK PARKS**

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Hon. Philip D. Murphy, Governor of the State of New Jersey issued Executive Order #103, declaring a State of Emergency in the State of New Jersey as a result of Coronavirus disease 2019 (“COVID-19”), and

WHEREAS, Coronavirus disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) is a contagious, and at times fatal, respiratory disease that has demonstrated resiliency and a propensity to spread whenever people fail to exercise safe distancing and wear masks; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services Secretary declared a public health emergency for the United States to aid the nation’s healthcare community in responding to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, as of July 28, 2020, there were 179,812 positive cases of COVID-19 in the State of New Jersey, with 17,921 cases in Middlesex County, New Jersey, and 960 cases in the Township of North Brunswick, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, as of July 28, 2020 148,056 people have died from COVID-19 in the United States, 15,804 have died in New Jersey and 51 have died in the Township of North Brunswick; and

WHEREAS, the spread of COVID-19 within North Brunswick Township continues to constitute an imminent public health hazard that threatens and presently endangers the health, safety, and welfare of its residents, and of those who visit the Township; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and appropriate to take action against this public health hazard to protect and maintain the health, safety, and welfare of North Brunswick residents, employees and visitors; and

WHEREAS, officials of the United States Department of Health, as well as the State of New Jersey and Middlesex County have emphasized and declared and mandated that safe social distancing must be practiced and enforced to help prevent the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, despite these repeated calls and mandates, there continue to be many violations of safe social distancing practices persist throughout North Brunswick; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of New Jersey’s Executive Orders during this Emergency have emphasized the need for all citizens and residents of the State of New Jersey to abide by the Emergency Orders in order to protect the public health, safety and welfare of everyone in the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, despite the best efforts of representatives of sports organizations affiliated with the Township of North Brunswick, of Township staff and Park Rangers and of law enforcement, significant numbers of persons attending organized sports events at the Township's fields have demonstrated an inability or unwillingness to conform to safe distancing practices and to wear masks, and

WHEREAS, in the present COVID-19 crisis, failure to practice safe social distancing and failure to wear masks endangers persons who come into contact with one another, and

WHEREAS, Section 324-3 of the North Brunswick Township Code prohibits any person from engaging in activities which "renders dangerous any drive, path, walk or public place" within the Parks of North Brunswick;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Francis M. Womack, Mayor of the Township of North Brunswick, in order to further protect the health, safety and welfare of the people of, and visitors to, the Township of North Brunswick, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, DO DECLARE and ORDER that all laws, orders and ordinances requiring the practice of safe social distancing and use of masks shall be strictly enforced by all departments, officers and officials within the Township's parks; and it is further

ORDERED that any infraction or deviation from strict adherence to safe social distancing practices and the use of masks in any North Brunswick Park shall result in the immediate termination and cessation of all organized activities within the park, and may further result in the closure of the Park for such time as may be deemed necessary and may result in the issuance of summonses or complaints for violations of the terms of this Declaration and Order.



Francis M. Womack, Mayor  
Township of North Brunswick

Dated: **July 28, 2020**



North Brunswick Office of Emergency Management  
Mark Cafferty, Director

Dated: **July 28, 2020**