



Township of Holmdel

COVID-19 Update
April 8, 2020

Message from Mayor Buontempo:

Good evening. This is Mayor Greg Buontempo and I have three updates tonight.

First, today the Governor made several announcements including:

- One. All non-essential construction is to be stopped. Exempt construction projects include hospitals, schools, affordable housing, transportation, utility work, emergency repairs and individual housing sites.
- Two. All customers and employees must wear face coverings at essential retail stores. These stores also now have a limit on the number of customers allowed in the store at any given time.
- Three. Governor Murphy has moved the State Primary Election to July 7th. Other details, regarding whether voting will be in-person or vote-by-mail are pending.

My second announcement is that unfortunately there are always people who try to take advantage of an emergency situation. Today the State Attorney General notified us of reports of individuals soliciting financial donations for illegitimate causes. Please verify before you donate! In order to help Holmdel's residents do this, we are developing a section of our website with a listing of organizations that have been verified by the Township. This will be available early next week.

Finally, yesterday New Jersey experienced a 157% increase in deaths. This is shocking and devastating news. I am bringing it to your attention in order to stress the importance of following the rules and restrictions that have been put into place. The only way to stop the spread and save lives is to stay at home and practice social distancing. Every one of us can do our part.

Before I close, I have received questions regarding Holmdel Park. Holmdel Park is a County facility and therefore it is closed as a result of yesterday's Executive Order by the Governor. Holmdel **Municipal** Parks remain open as long as social distancing guidelines are followed. You can find a list of Holmdel municipal parks on our [website](#).

Goodnight. Stay home, stay healthy and stay safe.

Total Positive COVID-19 Cases in Holmdel: 100