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Dear Residents of Hamilton Township,

We'd like to provide you with some information about the Township's response to the current outbreak of the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19. We are deeply invested in the safety of our residents, business owners, visitors, and employees; we are receiving the most up-to-date information from the State of New Jersey, the Atlantic County Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

On March 9, Governor Phil Murphy declared a State of Emergency and a Public Health Emergency, to ramp up New Jersey's efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19. On March 16, Governor Murphy signed Executive Order No. 104, implementing aggressive social distancing measures to mitigate further spread of COVID-19 in New Jersey.

The Township will be following the recommendations from the CDC and the Governor, in order to minimize the risk of contracting or spreading the virus. As a result, we have made the following modifications:

**MUNICIPAL COURT:** All court sessions for the Hamilton Township Regional Municipal Court are cancelled, until further notice.

**TOWNSHIP OFFICES:** The Hamilton Township Municipal building, including the Court offices, are currently open for business during regular hours. However, Town Hall doors are locked to minimize exposure for employees and visitors. We are asking folks to call or email if possible, or to make an appointment to be seen. Please call 609-625-1511 to make an appointment.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:** The Police Department is operating as usual, 24/7. Please call 609-625-2700 (non-emergency number) if you need information.

**PUBLIC MEETINGS:** We are having the building cleaned and sanitized on a regular basis to keep everyone as healthy as possible. However, all non-essential public Township events and meetings have been postponed until further notice, and we are working on ways to hold essential public meetings while minimizing exposure. Please call 609-625-4762 if you have questions about a particular meeting.

We urge you to follow the CDC's recommendations, which we're sure everyone has heard but bears repeating:

- Avoid large gatherings and distance yourself socially whenever possible.
- If you are not feeling well, stay home.
- Wash your hands frequently and avoid touching your face.
- Sanitize surfaces frequently (doorknobs, countertops, light switches, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, etc.).
- Be mindful of letting your children socialize, even though school is closed.
- If you or someone you know is in a high-risk group, you should be especially cautious.

If you have questions or concerns about the Coronavirus, you can find current information here:

<a href="http://www.CDC.gov">www.CDC.gov</a>	Centers for Disease Control
<a href="http://www.nj.gov/health">www.nj.gov/health</a>	New Jersey State Department of Health
1-800-222-1222	The NJ Coronavirus & Poison Center Hotline
1-609-645-5935	Atlantic County Board of Health

**If you are experiencing a medical emergency, call 911.**

Please let the dispatcher know if you believe that your symptoms are due to the COVID-19 virus, if you have been in contact with someone who may have contracted the virus or if you have recently traveled out of the country. Hamilton Township emergency personnel are trained to respond to these situations.

If you have any questions or concerns specific to Hamilton Township, please call our office directly at 609-625-4762.

Although this is a highly unusual and serious situation, it is important for the public to stay calm and focused. There is strong evidence that following the CDC's recommendations will save lives by slowing the spread of this virus. The Township is doing everything we can to protect you and your loved ones, and we ask each resident to do their part as well. Thank you very much for your cooperation during this challenging time.