



Township of Teaneck

Celebrating 125 Years

1895 - 2020



TEANECK PRESS RELEASE

March 11, 2020

Township of Teaneck

PAUL A. VOLCKER
MUNICIPAL GREEN

818 TEANECK ROAD
TEANECK,
NEW JERSEY 07666

201-837-1600

FAX (201) 837-9547

E-MAIL:
admin@teanecknj.gov

COUNCIL

MOHAMMED HAMEEDUDDIN
MAYOR

ELIE Y. KATZ
DEPUTY MAYOR

MARK J. SCHWARTZ
DEPUTY MAYOR

DR. JAMES DUNLEAVY
KEITH KAPLAN
DR. HENRY J. PRUITT
GERVONN ROMNEY RICE

DEAN B. KAZINCI
TOWNSHIP MANAGER

DOUGLAS RUCCIONE
ACTING TOWNSHIP CLERK

JOHN L. SHAHDANIAN II, ESQ.
TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY

To: All News Media

From: Dean B. Kazinci, Township Manager

The Township of Teaneck continues to monitor the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) throughout our region. As Manager, I have an imperative to do everything possible to slow the spread of this serious virus and protect those who are most vulnerable. This is a difficult and extraordinary situation, and I recognize that people throughout our community, including our workforce, are concerned for their personal health and that of their families and friends.

Teaneck currently has three (3) presumptive positive patients with the COVID-19 virus. Patient one is a 70 year old male who was admitted to St. Joseph's Hospital in Paterson, New Jersey. Patient two, a 30 year old male and patient three, a 44 year old male, were both admitted to Holy Name Medical Center. Their conditions are unknown.

In an effort to protect those members of our community at the highest risk for complications of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), as well as the health of our workforce, the Township will be cancelling all Senior activities at the Richard Rodda Recreation Department, and all scheduled Court sessions in the Teaneck Municipal Building until further notice. This is the prudent and responsible action to take which protects our workforce and community from the spread of COVID-19 until it is under control. I want to exercise an abundance of caution for our most vulnerable members of the Teaneck community.

In addition, the Teaneck Public Library will be rescheduling or cancelling all large scale events until the end of March. We will be promoting remote digital services to reduce the volume of patrons that use the facility. Please monitor the Library's website, <https://teanecklibrary.org/>, for up to date information on the cancellation of programs.

The Township will be cancelling all non-essential meetings to include advisory boards and commissions.

These are just the first steps I'm taking to insure we minimize the risks and spread of the disease.

The Township's Health Department continues to work closely with State Health Officials to determine any further circulation within our community.

The Township's maintenance staff continues to sanitize and disinfect common areas throughout our municipal buildings. My office continues to hold regular meetings with department heads and our Office of Emergency Management to provide them with up to date information on the virus. The Township remains in daily contact with the school superintendent, as well as officials from Fairleigh Dickinson University and Holy Name Hospital. We are encouraging residents, whenever possible, to conduct all business with the Township online.

My office will be releasing a COVID-19 Pandemic Plan for Township operations today. The plan was developed to assist the Township in responding to and conducting operations during potential Coronavirus pandemic outbreak.

While there is still much to learn about COVID-19, residents should remain calm and vigilant in their personal efforts to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and monitor the Township's website at www.teanecknj.gov for updated information.

As a reminder, the New Jersey Department of Health has established a 24-hour telephone hotline for residents who may have concerns or questions: 800-222-1222

Dean Kazinci
Township Manager
201-837-1600 ext. 1001
551-486-5863