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(Little Falls) - The Clifton Health Department, in consultation with the Little Falls Business Administrator and Mayor, understands that residents are concerned about the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. **Please note that as of right now, there are no confirmed cases in the Township of Little Falls.** Please be assured that the Health Department has been working diligently with the Township administration to prevent the spread of COVID-19. We have been in constant communication with our Police Department, Fire Department, Office of Emergency Management, Department of Public Works, Board of Education, and other community partners, in collaboration with New Jersey Department of Health and Passaic County Department of Health Services.

We would like to remind you of basic preventative actions that should be followed during this pandemic. As per the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, please be sure that you:

- Practice handwashing regularly for at least 20 seconds
- Cover your cough and sneeze with a tissue
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces
- Stay home when you are sick, and avoid close contact with people who are sick

In addition, be sure to practice the following social distancing measures:

- Keep a distance of at least 6 feet with people
- Avoid unnecessary physical contact, such as handshaking
- Avoid attending crowded events and social gatherings. Consider replacing in-person gatherings with video chatting, voice messaging and phone calls

Please note that testing is only available for symptomatic individuals. Symptoms include a fever of more than 100.4, coughing, and shortness of breath. **The Health Department does not test for COVID-19.** Testing can be done through medical providers; contact your healthcare provider to see if you are eligible for testing.

Out of an abundance of caution, the following locations in the Township of Little Falls will be closed to the public until further notice:

- Little Falls Township Building
- Little Falls Schools
- Little Falls Public Libraries
- Little Falls Civic Center
- Little Falls Recreation Center

Residents will be able to continue to conduct business with the Township during the closure through use of the Township's website. In addition, staff in each department will be available during regular business hours by telephone to assist residents and answer questions.

Additionally, as per Executive Order 104, which was enacted by Governor Murphy on 3/16/2020, the following will be in effect immediately:

- All public, private, and parochial preschool program premises, and elementary and secondary schools, including charter and renaissance schools, shall be closed to students and shall remain closed as long as this Order remains in effect.
- All institutions of higher education shall cease in-person instruction as long as this Order remains in effect.
- All bars and restaurants will be closed for eat-in services. After 8pm, these establishments may open for takeout and delivery services ONLY, until further notice.
- Gyms, fitness centers, entertainment centers including, but not limited to movie theaters, performing art centers, other concert venues, and night clubs are closed.
- All licensed establishments are limited to the sale of packaged goods in original containers for consumption off premise.
- Other non-essential retail, recreational, and entertainment businesses must cease daily operations from 8:00pm until 5:00am. **From 5:00am to 8:00pm, these businesses may remain open if they limit their occupancy to no more than 50 persons, which include employees, and adhere to social distancing guidelines.**
- Essential businesses are excluded from this directive, examples include: grocery/food stores, pharmacies, medical supply stores, gas stations, health care facilities, and ancillary stores within health care facilities.

In addition: Starting on 3/16/2020, all non-essential and non-emergency travel in New Jersey is strongly discouraged between the hours of 8:00 pm and 5:00 am; this will remain in effect for the foreseeable future.

For general questions pertaining to COVID-19, please call the New Jersey Department of Health COVID-19 Hotline at 211 or text NJCOVID to 898-211. For mental health-related concerns during COVID-19, please call the Disaster Distress Hotline at 1-800-985-5990 or text "talk with us" at 66746.

If you wish to get in touch with the Clifton Health Department for general COVID-19 questions, please email Health Educator Loyal Helwani at Lhelwani@cliftonnj.org.

The Clifton Health Department is a contractual health agency serving the Township of Little Falls.