Mayor's Message

As we enter the 7th week of Governor Murphy's “Stay-At-Home” order, I want to express my appreciation to Morristown residents for their cooperation with social distancing. Your efforts are moving us in the right direction and helping to preserve our medical resources. Please stay strong in your vigilance- we will get through this together. As the weather continues to improve I encourage everyone to get out and enjoy the fresh air but please continue to wear face coverings and maintain at least a 6-foot distance from others.

Residents with non-urgent, general questions about COVID19 are encouraged to contact the NJDOH COVID-19 hotline at 1-800-222-1222.

This Saturday, May 16 please consider donating to the Interfaith Food Pantry’s community-wide food drive to help those who are struggling with food insecurity during this crisis. From 9 am to 12 pm donations of food and household items will be accepted at Town Hall. Below you will find a list of the most needed items and drop-off instructions.

Additionally, my office has launched a Serve it Forward Program to help provide sustenance to front line health care professionals at Atlantic Health System. Please click here to learn more or to donate!

The Town has a limited amount of masks available for residents, at no charge. Priority will be given to anyone over the age of 65 and will be issued on a first-come-first-serve basis. Limit 2 per household. To request a mask please call (973) 292-6610. If you already have a mask or face covering please do not request one. PLEASE consider using bandanas, scarfs, or home-made masks.

- Mayor Timothy Dougherty
SUPPORT THE INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY
JOIN THE COMMUNITY WIDE FOOD DRIVE!

Saturday, May 16th
9:00am-12:00pm
Town Hall, 200 South St. (in back)

The most needed foods/items:
Pasta
Pasta Sauce
Cereal
Rice/Almond Milk (dry milk)
Tuna fish
Rice-A-Roni
Hamburger Helper

Peanut Butter
Canned meat (ravioli, stew, chili)
Hearty variety soup (vs. condensed)
Baby formula (Enfamil preferred)
Baby formula (Stage 1,2,3)
Baby cereal (oatmeal preferred)
Diapers (Size 4,5,6)

DAY OF FOOD DRIVE INSTRUCTIONS:
Pull in with your bags and they will be unloaded from your car to ensure social-distancing.

Special thanks to Mayor Tim Dougherty and the police department who are orchestrating this effort.
Morris County COVID-19 Drive Thru Testing

The County of Morris, in partnership with Atlantic Health, is offering drive-thru COVID-19 testing at the County College of Morris, Center Grove Road, Randolph, NJ 07869, in parking lot 1.

In order to be tested, you MUST
• have a COVID-19 test prescription from your healthcare provider
• read and accept the consent form
• have an appointment
• Sign up for an appointment online – visit the COVID-19 testing page for details.

Residents with appointments must show up in a vehicle - you cannot walk or bike through the testing center. If you do not drive, someone else is allowed to drive. The person who is being tested must provide a drivers license or viable personal identification and a clear-to-see printed version of a medical prescription at the arrival checkpoint. There is no fee for the test.

More Information on Morris County COVID-19 Testing

Free Mental Health Hotlines

Crisis Text Line: Text “NJ” to 741741
Family Helpline: 1-800-843-5437
Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-572-7233
NJ Mental Health Cares: 1-866-202-4357
Last week Governor Phil Murphy announced his vision, “The Road Back: Restoring Economic Health Through Public Health,” to restart New Jersey and put the state on the road to recovery. Governor Murphy outlined six key principles and benchmarks to guide the process for restoring New Jersey's economic health by ensuring public health.

Governor Murphy’s stay-at-home Executive Order, which has been in effect since March 21, will remain in effect in its entirety until further notice. The following six principles and key metrics will guide the process for lifting restrictions and restoring New Jersey's economic health through public health.
The Town of Morristown has compiled a listing of resources and links for business owners on our website. Please visit https://www.townofmorristown.org/bizcovid19

Don’t forget to get counted in the 2020 Census. Responses can be submitted either online, by mail, or by phone. All responses are kept confidential and private. It’s the law. Your responses cannot be shared and cannot be used against you by any government agency or court in any way. For more information please visit 2020census.gov.

The Time for the Census is NOW

211 can help you with finding resources in your community such as healthcare, housing, food, family matters, senior services, and much more.

NJ 211

Like Us on Instagram

Thanks to our first 1,000 followers! Please follow our account for up-to-the-minute announcements, news, and information about Morristown.

LEARN MORE

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The federal government’s economic impact checks have already arrived to many households. If you are curious to find out the status of your check, please visit IRS.gov.

Road Work and Construction Updates

Below are some of the ongoing and upcoming projects in the works. Please also be reminded that the HAWK Beacon at Speedwell/Flagler has been re-activated and pedestrians should push the button and follow the signal when attempting to cross Speedwell Ave.

2019 Curb, Sidewalk, and Drainage Improvements, Phase III
Additional drainage improvements at Burnham Park. Curb, sidewalk, and handicap ramp upgrades at various locations

Town Hall First Floor Restroom Renovations

2019 Sanitary Sewer Repairs
Includes Harding Terrace

Tree Well Widening and Biochar Soil Amendments
South Street, Elm Street, Speedwell Ave

2019 Sports Court repairs
Lidgerwood, Woodhull, Elliott Street Parks

Roadway Milling and Resurfacing
Possible for June

Please stay posted to the townofmorristown.org/activeconstruction and facebook for announcements and updates. Projects and dates are subject to change.
Unemployment Resources

Learn about New Jersey Unemployment Insurance and see if you're eligible for benefits at myunemployment.nj.gov. NJ's Unemployment Insurance system is experiencing record levels of demand. For best results, try filing a claim online or calling during off-peak hours like early in the morning or later in the day.

With the CARES Act, New Jersey's Unemployment Insurance system can help those who are not typically eligible, and provide more benefits:

- Independent contractors, the self-employed, “gig” workers, and those looking for part-time work are eligible (known as “Pandemic Unemployment Assistance”)
- Those who, under normal circumstances, don't have enough work history or who have exhausted regular Unemployment benefits, are eligible (known as “Pandemic Unemployment Assistance”)
- Unemployment Insurance will provide an additional $600 per week, on top of regular and Pandemic Unemployment Assistance benefits (known as “Pandemic Unemployment Compensation”). This benefit is expected to begin arriving the week of May 4. Recipients should be notified on April 29. These payments will be issued separately from regular unemployment benefits.
- Unemployment Insurance will give an additional 13 weeks of benefits, for a maximum of up to 39 weeks (known as “Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation”)

New Jersey workers who have experienced any of the following COVID-19 situations are likely eligible for help from Unemployment Insurance through Pandemic Unemployment Assistance:

- Worker sick, quarantined, or exposed
- Worker’s needs to care for a family member or household member
- Worker’s lost employment or hours
- Unable to reach a place of employment due to an imposed quarantine or was scheduled to commence employment and does not have a job or is unable to reach the job due to COVID-19
# COVID-19 Scenarios & Benefits Available

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**Paid Sick Time**

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### Unemployment Resources

**YES** or **NO** or **MAYBE** *(PLEASE APPLY: EVALUATED CASE BY CASE)*

Employees pay sick leave and childcare FMLA, others require application to the State. You cannot receive pay or benefits from more than one program/law at the same time.

* Effective April 1, 2020: New federal law requires covered employers to provide emergency paid sick leave to certain employees to care for themselves or a family member due to coronavirus illness, symptoms, quarantine or school/child care closure. The Federal Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) has also been amended to provide job-protected emergency paid leave to employees who are unable to work because their child does not have school or child care, due to coronavirus. See nj.gov/labor for details. The U.S. Department of Labor will be issuing further guidance and this document may be updated as more information becomes available.

A person who has, because of their employment, contracted COVID-19 at work could be eligible for Workers' Compensation and would file through their employer.

The information on this flyer is meant to give a general picture of benefits and rights available in certain COVID-19 work-related situations. Documentation may be required.
Scam Avoidance

Scamming attempts have spiked to in recent months. Please be vigilant. Any communication involving money should raise a red flag. Don’t respond to texts, emails, or calls about checks from the government. Here’s what you need to know.

- Listen for the words “stimulus check” or “stimulus payment.” If someone in an official capacity uses these terms your concern level should rise. **The official term is economic impact payment**.
- Do not sign over your economic impact payment check to anyone you don’t know who contacts you via email, text, or phone.
- No one should ask by phone, e-mail, text, or social media for verification of personal information including your bank account information.
- Scammers will suggest that you can get a tax refund or economic impact payment faster by working with them on your behalf. This scam could even be conducted in person!
- Scammers may mail you a bogus check, then tell you to call a number or verify information online in order to cash it. Legitimate agencies do not conduct business this way.
- Ignore online offers for vaccinations. There are no products proven to treat or prevent COVID-19 at this time.
- Be wary of ads for test kits. The FDA just announced approval for one home test kit, which requires a doctor’s order. But most test kits being advertised have not been approved by the FDA, and aren’t necessarily accurate.
- Hang up on robocalls. Scammers are using illegal robocalls to pitch everything from low-priced health insurance to work-at-home schemes.
- Watch for emails claiming to be from the CDC or WHO. Use sites like [coronavirus.gov](https://coronavirus.gov) and [usa.gov/coronavirus](https://usa.gov/coronavirus) to get the latest information. And don’t click on links from sources you don’t know.

**contact us**

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