

## Borough of Tinton Falls OEM COVID-19 Update (April 7, 2020)

The Tinton Falls Office of Emergency Management (TFOEM), in partnership with the Monmouth County Regional Health Commission (MCRHC), continues to monitor the COVID-19 outbreak. TFOEM has consistent communication with the Monmouth County Office of Emergency Management and the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management. TFOEM interacts with all Tinton Falls Emergency Services including Emergency Medical Services, Police Department and Fire Service, as well as; the Department of Public Works, School Administrators, faith-based communities and healthcare facilities within the Borough.

- The Monmouth County Regional Health Commission No. 1 (MCRHC) continues to report the number of positive cases of COVID-19. The latest number of people reported to have tested positive for COVID-19 in the Borough of Tinton Falls is seventy-three (73). The Borough has no further information to share due to privacy rights of our fellow residents. Our residents who have been reported to have tested positive are either self-isolated, self-quarantined or hospitalized. The MCRHC Communicable Disease Team continues to conduct intensive monitoring and ongoing public health investigation of every positive case. This investigation includes tracing of actions taken by the infected for days prior to first signs of symptoms.
- As per the MCRHC, it is expected for there to be drastic increases in the number of reported cases from day to day, especially in the next couple of weeks. The reasons for this is that more people are being tested and FEMA testing site at the PNC Art Center has started to produce results.

### Summary of Executive and Administrative Orders:

3/9/2020 – Governor Murphy declares State of Emergency for New Jersey

3/12/2020 – Tinton Falls School District and Monmouth Regional High School closed schools

3/17/2020 - Tinton Falls Municipal Buildings are closed to the public

3/19/ 2020 - After consultation with the Administrator, the Mayor and Council President, The Tinton Falls Office of Emergency Management and Mayor Perillo declared a Local State of Emergency for the Borough of Tinton Falls

3/20/2020 – The Monmouth County Freeholders and Monmouth County OEM Declared a State of Emergency for the County of Monmouth

- Each department of the Borough of Tinton Falls have taken measures to ensure the continuity of government.
- All Tinton Falls emergency service agencies have taken measure in order to maintain continuity of operations.
- TFOEM participates in weekly conference calls with County OEM, and weekly conference calls with our Health Commission. This kept us informed and so that we may keep all our local agencies up to date.
- All residents and businesses will need to comply with State of New Jersey social distancing measures announced in Executive Orders.
- The New Jersey all-encompassing website for COVID-19 information:  
<https://covid19.nj.gov/>
- Our Emergency Services are on the frontlines of this pandemic. Our priority is to keep our emergency services personnel safe. We continue to procure the needed personal protective equipment in various ways. The supply chain is strained.
- Donations of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) are needed. If any residents have any PPE that they would like to donate to the Tinton Falls Emergency Services serving our

community, your donation will be greatly appreciated. The needs include nitrile examination gloves, surgical or N95 masks, protective isolation gowns, protective face shields, multi-function no-contact infrared thermometers, hand sanitizer and anti-bacterial wipes. Donations of these items are being accepted at the Tinton Falls Municipal Center located at 556 Tinton Avenue. Items may be placed at the front entrance inside the right entry vestibule.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has issued a series of steps that you can take to protect yourself. The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus.

The virus is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet) and through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes.

These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs.

Take steps to protect yourself:

- Follow **social distancing** practices: put **distance between yourself and other people**. This is especially important for [people who are at higher risk of getting very sick](#).
- **Wash your hands** often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, **use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol**. Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry.
- **Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth** with unwashed hands.
- **Avoid close contact** with people who are sick.
- **Stay home** if you are sick, except to get medical care. Learn [what to do if you are sick](#).
- **Cover your mouth and nose** with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow.

Visit the CDC site here to learn more on how to protect yourself: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/prevention.html>

It's important to remember that older adults and people who have severe underlying chronic medical conditions like heart or lung disease or diabetes seem to be at higher risk for developing more serious complications from COVID-19 illness. Please consult with your health care provider about additional steps you may be able to take to protect yourself.