



CITY OF PLAINFIELD

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Adrian O. Mapp
Mayor

March 13, 2020

Dear City of Plainfield Residents and Businesses Owners,

The health and well-being of our community is a top priority for my Administration. Thank you for your patience and support as we send out new information about the Coronavirus (COVID-19) as it is shared by the New Jersey Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control.

We recognize that this is a potentially stressful and extremely difficult time for everyone, and we know the wellbeing of family and friends is of utmost importance in everyone's mind.

To proactively prevent the spread of COVID-19, we have deemed it in the best interest of the community to temporarily suspend all city-sponsored performances, events, and gatherings. Beginning Saturday, March 14, 2020 the events scheduled at the Plainfield Performing Arts Center, the Senior Center and through the Division of Recreation are all canceled until further notice. With the COVID-19 situation evolving worldwide, the City may decide to expand the suspension to include private entities and organizations.

In the meantime, we encourage all community members to keep safe and to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses including COVID-19 by utilizing the following hygienic best practices:

- Wash hands frequently,
- Cover your mouth with a bent elbow when coughing or sneezing
- Avoid touching your face with your hands
- Avoid close contact with those who are sick
- Stay home if you're sick
- Maintain a safe social distance

Call your health practitioner before going to the hospital if you have COVID-19 symptoms.

The City will work to maintain staffing levels and provide essential services while planning for several impact scenarios. The City has already implemented several operational changes to support first responders and to safeguard our community from COVID-19 risks.

If you find yourself in need of emergency assistance please call the hotline number at 1-800-222-1222 or 1-800-962-1253. Trained healthcare professionals are standing by to answer your call 24/7.

The New Jersey department of human services operates a toll free "warm line" which is a resource for people seeking mental health service. The warm line is activated during events that impact the mental health of New Jersey residents. The warm line is available 24 hours and has language access; dial (877) 294-help (4357).

Additionally – here are some links to the New Jersey Department of Health which provide updates and useful information.

https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/covid2019_community.shtml

<https://www.facebook.com/NJDeptofHealth/>

<https://twitter.com/nideptofhealth?lang=en>

We remain vigilant and will continue to send out updates as they become available, or as necessary; we will fight hard to protect the health of our residents, visitors and employees.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Adrian O. Mapp". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mayor, Adrian O. Mapp