



BOROUGH OF MOUNTAIN LAKES

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Corona Virus Information

COVID-19 CASE COUNT (as of 04/01/2020)

Mountain Lakes - 5

Morris County - 841

New Jersey - 16,696

General questions about COVID-19:

Mountain Lakes Health Officer
(Bloomfield Health Department)
973-680-4024

or

State of New Jersey

Call: 211

Call (24/7): 1-800-962-1253*

Website: [Covid.nj.gov](https://www.covid.nj.gov)

*Due to an incredibly high volume of calls, wait times can be substantial

03-23/2020

Tonight's Borough Council meeting will be held virtually using Zoom. Please see the news article on the Borough's website homepage for further information.

03-21-2020

Governor Murphy's Executive Order further directs the closure of all non-essential retail businesses to the public, with the exceptions of:

- Grocery stores, farmer's markets and farms that sell directly to customers, and other food stores, including retailers that offer a varied assortment of foods comparable to what exists at a grocery store;
- Pharmacies and medical marijuana dispensaries;
- Medical supply stores;
- Gas stations;
- Convenience stores;
- Ancillary stores within healthcare facilities;

- Hardware and home improvement stores;
- Banks and other financial institutions;
- Laundromats and dry-cleaning services;
- Stores that principally sell supplies for children under five years;
- Pet stores;
- Liquor stores;
- Car dealerships, but only for auto maintenance and repair, and auto mechanics;
- Printing and office supply shops;
- Mail and delivery stores.

Nothing in the Order shall limit 1) the provision of health care or medical services; 2) access to essential services for low-income residents, such as food banks; 3) the operations of the media; 4) law enforcement agencies, or 5) the operations of the federal government.

Additionally, the order mandates that all businesses or non-profits, wherever practicable, must accommodate their workforce for telework or work-from-home arrangements. To the extent a business or non-profit has employees that cannot perform their functions via telework or work-from-home arrangements, the business or non-profit should make best efforts to reduce staff on site to the minimal number necessary to ensure that essential operations can continue.

Examples of employees who need to be present at their work site in order to perform their job duties include, but are not limited to, law enforcement officers, fire fighters, other first responders, cashiers or store clerks, construction workers, utility workers, repair workers, warehouse workers, lab researchers, IT maintenance workers, janitorial and custodial staff, and certain administrative staff.

The Order continues existing bans on recreational and entertainment businesses, requirements that all restaurants operate by delivery and takeout only, and the directive that all pre-K, elementary, and secondary schools close and all institutions of higher education cease in-person instruction.

Please visit <https://covid19.nj.gov/faqs/nj-information/general-public/governor-murphy-announces-statewide-stay-at-home-order-closure-of-all-non-essential-retail-businesses> to read the entire Order.

Also, please visit <https://www.fema.gov/coronavirus-rumor-control> to get accurate and up-to-date information regarding rumors and myths.

03-19-2020

Borough Council Meeting - Monday March 23rd - At this time, the Borough Council meeting will proceed as scheduled. We are working to set up a conference line to allow you to listen to the meeting and comment during public comment without having to

come to Borough Hall. We will provide additional information tomorrow in our Friday e-blast. If you are not signed up for our emails, see below.

Trash Bags - To avoid a trip to purchase trash bags, while we are under a state of emergency, the Borough will deliver trash bags to your home.

To have trash bags delivered to your home, please call 973-334-3131. Let us know how many rolls and the size of the bags you want to purchase (small or large). We will also need to know where your payment will be left and where to leave the bags.

Payment - For now, we will only accept payment by check. NO cash or credit cards. Payment must be received at drop off or bags will not be left - no exceptions.

Delivery - Bags will be delivered the morning after the order was received (ex: order Monday, deliver Tuesday). Orders received Friday will be delivered Monday.

Trash Pickup - For the health and safety of our trash and recycling vendor employees, for the duration of the State of Emergency, trash pickup may occur as early as 2:00am.

Recreation Facilities - Earlier today, the County of Morris issued an Emergency Declaration closing all playgrounds and playing fields. Passive recreation is still allowed so long as there is no organized or directed activity. Groups of four or more (except families) is also prohibited. In light of this order, the Borough has closed the tennis and basketball courts.

We need your cooperation with this! Our police department has dispersed several groups of young adults from the tennis and basketball courts. Social distancing of 6 feet and not gathering in groups is for the health and safety of everyone. The Emergency Declaration empowers the police department to issue summonses and to make arrest for violations. We would much rather have cooperation than take official action.

Trout Derby - With much regret, the annual Trout Derby is being canceled for this year.

Easter Egg Hunt - As with the Trout Derby, this event is being canceled for this year.

Boat Rack and Ring Renewals - Can be made via US Mail or by dropping off a check in the payment drop box outside of Borough Hall. The deadline for renewals remains Wednesday, March 30, 2020.

For those interested in renting a rack or ring who did not have one in 2019, we are working on a new process to accomplish what previously required a visit to Borough Hall. We will provide further information in the next few days.

Communications Reminder - The Borough utilizes Nixle as its emergency communications platform and email for its regular communications. To sign up:

Nixle - Go to www.nixle.com or text 07046 to 888777 from your cell phone.

Email - [Click Here to sign up to receive email from the Borough](#)

As a reminder, we ask that you not visit Borough Hall, but rather communicate by email or phone. We're doing everything in our power to avoid closing to the public and we need your help.

03-17-2020

Borough of Mountain Lakes Response

In alignment with Governor Murphy's Executive Order, the Borough of Mountain Lakes has taken the following actions:

- Cancelled or postponed all in-person meetings of Commissions, Committees and Boards (except the Borough Council meeting), providing the option to meet via conference call.
- Closed all Borough recreational facilities.
- Created a "[Skip the Trip to Borough Hall](#)" document to assist you in obtaining Borough services without having to visit Borough Hall.

Morris County Government Coordinating Response

The Morris County Office of Emergency Management and Office of Health Management, in coordination with officials in all 39 Morris County towns, school districts, and major healthcare providers, are closely monitoring the situation regarding the coronavirus (COVID-19).

Officials across the county are working in concert with the state Department of Health and federal agencies to ensure they have the latest information to best deal with the virus. In particular, county officials are working closely with Atlantic Health and Saint Clare's Health.

In addition, county OEM officials urge residents not to be alarmed if they see first responders wearing high levels of protective gear, such as masks, hoods, suits and respirators. Out of an abundance of caution, they may wear this gear for the safety of the patient and fellow responders.

The following are tips provided by the Morris County Office of Health Management (consistent with CDC recommendations) to protect yourself and others from respiratory infections, including the coronavirus (COVID-19):

- Maintain recommended Social Distance of 6 feet if you must go out into public
- Stay home if you are sick;
- Limit close contact with people who are sick;
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth;
- Avoid handshakes. Try an elbow bump;
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds;
- If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol;

- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces;
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash. If you do not have a tissue, use your sleeve (not your hands);
- Get a flu shot to prevent the flu if you have not done so this season.

Residents are asked to avoid rumors and some less-than-accurate reports about this virus. Keep informed by obtaining information from trusted and reliable sources, including the CDC, NJDOH, and their local health departments:

Corona Virus Resources:

[Governor Murphy's Executive Order 104 concerning the Corona Virus](#)

[CDC's COVID-19 website](#)

[N.J. Department of Health COVID-19 website](#)

NJ COVID-19 Information Public Call Center: 1-800-222-1222