

March 23, 2020

Dear Folsom Community,

This has been a challenging week trying to continually navigate a massive amount of quickly changing information provided to us by the Governor's office via multiple Executive Orders, CDC updates, and emails from several other agencies. I have been working closely along with Alex Bauer, Folsom's Emergency Management Coordinator, and Patti Gatto, Folsom Borough Municipal Clerk, as well as our City Council members who have been essential in providing input to ensure our community is in compliance with the directives from the Governor's office.

Effective March 22, 2020 at 9 pm, Governor Phil Murphy issued the following Executive Order:

[Statewide Stay at Home Order](#)

I urge all of you to follow the link and read it in its entirety. In addition, Governor Murphy emphasized that the executive order supersedes all local directives and the importance of following "one set of rules". As such he is coordinating with governors from neighboring states as well.

Consistent with a declaration given earlier this week from the Governor's office, Folsom Borough parks, playground equipment, fields and courts are closed. As of this writing, residents are allowed to make entry to Borough parks that have walking paths so that they may take a walk or go for a run, as long as they practice "social distancing", which means staying at least 6 feet away from each other.

The state of New Jersey has set up a one-stop shop for all questions related to the coronavirus pandemic, including which businesses are essential and what travel is allowed: www.covid19.nj.gov

I strongly recommend that you continue to visit the Folsom website regularly as your source for "Everything Folsom", and to stay up-to-date on the latest instructions and changes to restrictions and information on how to stay safe.

While this pandemic is like nothing we have ever experienced before, I am thankful for our great municipal team, as we all work together to follow the guidelines and directives set before us by the NJ Governor's office in an effort to keep our community safe. We are all in this together, let's stay focused and work together to get through this difficult time.

Stay safe,

Greg Schenker
Mayor, Borough of Folsom