

Mayor's Message - March 18

On my daily update call with the Warren County Mayors and Warren County officials today it was reported that there is one confirmed case of coronavirus in Warren County and that case has been contained. For the most updated information on the steps Warren County is taking in response to this crisis, please go to the County website:

<http://www.co.warren.nj.us/>

The Hardwick Township Municipal building remains open to conduct business. However, in an effort to prevent the spread of the virus, we ask that residents do not go to the building but call or email instead to conduct any township business. Documents can be dropped off at the Incoming mail slot on the town mail box by the sidewalk..

As an fyi, any resident whose job has been directly impacted by this crisis should visit the NJ Department of Labor and Workforce Development website at: NJ.gov/labor for more detailed information.

As you know, many local small businesses are being hurt badly and no one can say for sure when this emergency will be over. Please do whatever you can to support them during their time of need.

And unfortunately, there are individuals who will try to take advantage of the situation and I encourage you to be vigilant against scammers who will try to profit from this emergency. If you receive a call from a scammer or see price gouging anywhere, report it immediately to the NJ Division of Consumer Affairs at 973 504-6240 or www.njconsumeraffairs.gov.

Lastly, it does not look like this emergency situation will be over any time soon so please take all recommended steps to protect yourselves, your families and neighbors. Self-distancing is the best defense right now, given the scarcity of testing kits and lack of a vaccine so we all need to limit our interactions with non-family members in order to stop the spread of the virus.

I will provide updates as new information becomes available.

Kevin Duffy - Mayor

Al Carrazzone - Deputy Mayor

Jim Perry - Committeeman and President of the NJ League of Municipalities