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Dear residents,

We find ourselves now in the third week of the borough’s lock-down due to the COVID-19 health issue. Our entire staff of employees and volunteers continue to serve us, albeit on an altered and reduced schedule.

While the numbers of those affected continues to rise, we hear glimmers of hope that we may be approaching the apex of the disease. Amid the media reports of our national health community, there exists some promising indicators of solutions through the miracle of medicine. However, that having been said, a cure is still a ways off in the future. So, for today, our only protection is in practicing what we know only too well:

• Stay at home – especially when feeling sick
• If you must go out practice Social Distancing (stay 6’ away from one another)
• Avoid crowds.
• Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds multiple times a day. Alcohol-based hand sanitizer can be used if soap and water are not available
• Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands
• Avoid close contact with people who are sick
• Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash
• Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces

Right now, this is our only line of defense. Please educate and remind your children that they too must abide by these practices in order to stay healthy and protect others as well.

By now, I’m sure that many of us know someone that has been struck by this disease or have lost a dear friend or worse yet a family member. So, let’s continue to support one another through phone calls, texts, or whatever method of communication you desire. Do not fear, encourage one another, be positive, offer hope, and above all keep the faith. I wish you all peace and good health.

Sincerely,
Mayor John M. Kramer