



TOWNSHIP OF

RIVER VALE

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Dear River Vale Residents,

I am devastated that this morning my office received confirmation that a resident has died due to COVID-19. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time. As of this morning at 10:00 am, we have 21 confirmed cases of Coronavirus (COVID-19) in the Township of River Vale. On March 28, 2020, the State modified what information is released to the Office of Emergency Management. The new data released confirms total positive cases, not just residences. I want to stress that we are aware of the numerous rumors and false information going around in our community and others. We will continue to only report information that has been confirmed by our Local Health Officer, as well as State and County officials to ensure accuracy.

At the direction of the State Attorney General and NJ Commissioner of Health, information on individuals who tested positive is not shared with town administration nor the public. We are not given any detailed data on positive cases, and it is illegal for anyone to disclose such sensitive and confidential information. Information on an individual who tested positive is only shared when and if a Police Officer, Emergency Medical Services Technician, Paramedic or Firefighter responds to a call for service and there is a potential COVID-19 exposure, so they may take necessary precautions, including donning Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). I cannot stress enough the importance of taking this seriously and staying home when you can.

The number of individuals in River Vale who are self-quarantined changes frequently, as individuals rotate on and off of the 14-day quarantine period. All people who test positive are monitored and investigated by local health officials. The Health Department will interview them about where they may have gone, and who may have had close contact with them while they were ill. This information is helpful in determining if others around the individual should be evaluated for COVID-19 and should seek care. After a positive diagnosis, the individual is told to isolate at home until 7 days after fever has ended (without the use of fever-reducing medications) and all symptoms have significantly improved. These self-quarantines are recommended, but not mandated by the State of New Jersey. Local health officials stay in contact and monitor them via phone or Skype.

If anyone has questions about COVID-19, you can call the 24-hour New Jersey Hotline at (800) 222-1222. You can also visit the State of NJ Coronavirus website at <https://covid19.nj.gov/>.

I'd like to take this opportunity to reassure our residents that the River Vale administration, emergency services, Office of Emergency Management, and all town employees are in constant communication with one another, and with our counterparts at the county and state level. We continue to implement all appropriate measures and safety precautions to manage the Township through this crisis. Our Police and Emergency Services continue to do an amazing job in keeping up with the high demands and increased call volume. I ask all our residents to comply with the Governor's orders. Please do not burden emergency services with non-emergency calls. We appreciate your continued cooperation.

I encourage all our residents to be safe, stay calm and pray for those impacted. As a community, we will get through this together. You can reach out to me any time at gjasionowski@rivervalenj.org with any questions or concerns you may have.

We will continue to update you as new information becomes available.

Be Well,

Mayor Glen Jasionowski