



TOWNSHIP OF

RIVER VALE

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Dear River Vale Residents,

As of this evening at 6:00 pm, there are 40 confirmed cases of Coronavirus (COVID-19) in the Township of River Vale and thankfully, no additional fatalities. While the numbers of people impacted and affected by this virus continue to rise, we have reason to be optimistic that we can further slow the growth rate of COVID-19.

Many residents have reached out to ask what can be done to help the Police Department and our first responders. If you truly want to help, please stay home. And if you must go out, practice social distancing. When encountering others in the community, stay a minimum six-foot distance away from them. Just because you know someone, or you have been friends for years, it does not diminish the need for social distancing. The weather continues to improve and we still have been receiving too many reports of kids and adults gathering in groups, organizing events and not practicing social distancing. These actions put an undue burden on our Officers, who remain focused on proudly serving the residents of the Township of River Vale through these difficult times.

We all want to get back to normalcy and to enjoy the parts of our lives which have been missing for over three weeks now. As a community, we can do this. However, it requires us to be diligent in our adherence to the Governor's Executive Order and the CDC guidelines to slow and stop the spread of the virus, so we can resume our normal lives.

Please remember:

Clean your hands often

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

Avoid close contact

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home as much as possible.
- Put distance between yourself and other people.



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- Remember that some people without symptoms may be able to spread virus.
- Keeping distance from others is especially important for people who are at higher risk of getting very sick.

Cover your mouth and nose with a cloth face cover when around others

- You could spread COVID-19 to others even if you do not feel sick.
- Everyone should wear a cloth face cover when they have to go out in public, for example to the grocery store or to pick up other necessities.
- Cloth face coverings should not be placed on young children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.
- The cloth face cover is meant to protect other people in case you are infected.
- Do NOT use a facemask meant for a healthcare worker.
- Continue to keep about 6 feet between yourself and others. The cloth face cover is not a substitute for social distancing.

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

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

Be Well,
Mayor Glen Jasionowski