

April 6th, 2020

Dear Friends and Residents of Maple Shade:

I hope this letter finds you and your families safe and healthy. I wanted to take a moment to thank you for doing your part as we work towards "flattening the curve" in the Township of Maple Shade. From the beginning of this worldwide pandemic, the Township has taken a bold stance on social distancing and keeping our residents and First Responders safe. This is proven by the number of cases currently being reported in our community.

At the time of writing this letter, Maple Shade has 16 positive cases. Taking into consideration the population of our town and the rather small geographic size, we are fighting this battle, and winning! As we begin yet another week, the Federal and State Government along with experts at the CDC are indicating that the toughest battle lies ahead of us, and we should not be blind to the fact that the number of positive cases will rise. This does not mean that our efforts are for naught; rather that we need to continue to practice social distancing even more. On behalf of us all, I implore you to please follow Governor Murphy's Executive Order and STAY AT HOME, except for essential needs. Please do not congregate in our parks that have been closed or the stores that remain open; and encourage our children to follow the same rules and guidelines that have been put in place. This is for all our safety. Today and over the next few weeks, more than ever, we need your help and cooperation to keep our entire community safe. We ask that each of you do your part so that we can get through this time and come out stronger together.

Your leaders continue to be in constant daily communication with officials throughout the County and State so that we may continue to develop and implement best practices to deal with this public health crisis. I assure you that our staff and first responders will continue to provide you with the highest level of professional service you expect. We are here for you and will be enforcing the laws 24 hours a day 7 days a week as your health and safety is also our concern.

Please continue to keep our First Responders and all of those serving on the front-line of this pandemic in your thoughts and prayers.

Stay Healthy and Stay Safe!

Respectfully,

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Helpful Website Links for Additional Information:

www.mapleshade.com

www.COVID19.nj.gov

www.cdc.gov

www.sba.gov