



STATEMENT FROM THE TOWNSHIP OF MAPLE SHADE

Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

March 16th, 2020

The Township of Maple Shade continues to closely monitor and follow the recommendations of Federal, State and County Health Organizations, as well as those of local Emergency Services, regarding the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic. Our first and foremost concern is and will continue to be the health and safety of our residents and employees.

At this time, there are no reported cases of COVID-19 in Maple Shade, but in practicing an abundance of caution, and so that we may maintain public services, as of **Tuesday, March 17th, 2020** the **TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING AND ALL OF ITS OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC, HOWEVER OUR STAFF WILL REMAIN WORKING AND BE ABLE TO SERVICE OUR RESIDENTS VIA EMAIL AND TELEPHONE. VIRUS UPDATES AND ITS IMPACT ON THE TOWNSHIP MAY BE ACCESSED BY CALLING 856-382-1299.**

While Township employees will continue to report to work, we will be taking the following steps in practicing “Social Distancing” to minimize unnecessary exposure:

- **Town Hall** – Tax, Water and Sewer Payments should be made utilizing the online payment system that can be found online at www.mapleshade.com under the Tax Departments tab. Residents using the e-check option will have the \$1.05 fee waived. Residents may also continue to use the Drop Box located at the front of the municipal building.
- **Limited Access** – There will be limited and restricted access throughout the building. If you must come to the Municipal Building, we ask that you contact the Township Clerk or Managers Office at 856-779-9610 as access will be granted **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**
- **Department of Parks and Recreation** – ALL PROGRAMS are CANCELLED until further notice. The Turf Field will be CLOSED so required cleaning can be completed.
- **Burlington County Library Branch** – The County Library located inside the Municipal Building is CLOSED until further notice
- **Municipal Court** – All court sessions are CANCELLED until March 27th, 2020



- **Building Department and Fire Prevention Bureau** – Permit Drop Off and Pick up will be available by **APPOINTMENT ONLY**. Please call (856)779-9610 to arrange an appointment.
- **Telephone Screenings** for symptoms of COVID-19 prior to all appointments and inspections will be occurring. The Township will be erring on the side of caution and the Inspectors will be using discretion when entering dwellings and interacting with individuals. Only essential contractors, homeowners or authorized representatives necessary for the completion of any inspection shall be onsite during such inspections in an effort to limit unnecessary contact
- **All Non- Essential Inspections** by the Fire Prevention Bureau are **SUSPENDED** through April 3rd.
- **Residential Smoke, Carbon Monoxide and Fire Extinguisher Inspections** for resale and rental of residential dwellings for Closings scheduled on or after April 3rd, will not be scheduled until at least March 30th. Any Residential Smoke, Carbon Monoxide and Fire Extinguisher inspections for resale and rental of residential dwellings **for Closings scheduled before April 3rd, will occur**, however: only one realtor, homeowner or authorized representative shall be on site during such inspection in an effort to limit unnecessary contact.

The Township of Maple Shade is committed to protecting our residents, staff and our community throughout this public health concern while maintaining all Emergency and Public Services. Methods to conduct modified public meetings continue to be explored to ensure that all Township Business is handled in a timely manner.

We will continue to remain in contact with health care professionals, along with County and State Agencies to determine any and all actions moving forward.

Residents are encouraged to follow our social media site on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Township-of-Maple-Shade-110692930552817/> and our webpage www.mapleshade.com. Residents may also sign up for Nixle Alerts via email or text.

Sincerely,

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