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Notice to Elmwood Park Residents regarding Closures and precautions related to COVID-19

The following steps in the Borough of Elmwood Park have been taken at this time:

- Previously, all public schools in Bergen County were closed by the County Executive, from March 16 - 27, 2020.
- In order to protect our Borough employees, as well as those coming into Borough offices, Borough Hall and all Borough offices will be closed to the public, with Borough staff working, beginning on March 16, 2020, until further notice. The Police Desk, on the first floor of Borough Hall will be open to the public. We encourage you to email us or call the Borough at 201-796-1457 for assistance. Many of our services are available on-line, through the Borough website.
- Borough Recycling and Garbage collection will continue as scheduled.
- All Building Department inspections have been postponed, except for new construction, outdoor inspections or total renovation of houses where no one is living in the house. All Building Department business will be conducted by appointment only by calling 201-796-1457 Ext: 204
- All non-essential Borough Board and Committee meetings have been suspended until further notice.
- The Public Library is closed from March 16-27, 2020.
- Municipal Court - Persons scheduled to appear in the Elmwood Park Municipal Court to contest a parking or traffic ticket or violation of an Elmwood Park ordinance from March 16-27, 2020, should not appear and should await a notice of a new court date.
- All recreational programs in the Elmwood Park Center have been cancelled until further notice.
- The senior center is closed until further notice.
- The Recreation Center is closed to the public.
- All school and recreational sports and sports practices have been cancelled. All public and Board of Education recreational fields, all school grounds, all tennis, and basketball courts, and playgrounds within the Borough are closed, and all organized sports activities within all municipal and Board of Education parks/fields, as well as recreational activities run by the Borough of Elmwood Park or Board of Education are hereby postponed until further notice.

Please reserve calls to 911 for emergencies only. For other than emergencies, you may call the non-emergency number for the Elmwood Park Police Department 201-796-0700.

If you do need to call 911 for any Emergency Services from the Police, Fire or Emergency Medical Services/Ambulance, in addition to providing your name, address and nature of the emergency. PLEASE notify the dispatcher if ANYONE in your home has travelled from Europe or Asia recently or may have been exposed to COVID-19 or is exhibiting flu like symptoms. This notification will lead our First Responders to taking the proper precautions, prior to arrival at your home.

You can expect that all responses to emergencies will always be without hesitation by the First Responders, and the excellent standard of care and compassion provided to all those in need remain the same. Please don't be alarmed by the Responders use of masks, goggles, gloves and possibly a protection suit. This is for everyone's protection and safety.

Please feel safe in knowing that Elmwood Park Emergency Services follows the EMS guidance issued by the CDC, appropriate public health authorities and EMS medical direction. We ask that any family members provide their own transportation to the hospital and not ride in the ambulance.

All first responders practice the recommended personal cleaning procedures, as well as the proper isolation/disposal of contaminated effects. The equipment and vehicle are cleaned and disinfected after each patient call, regardless of any possible exposure.

Also keep in mind the following commonsense practices:

- Wash your hands frequently. If soap and water are not available, use alcohol-based hand sanitizers.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.
- Be mindful of contact with persons who may be suffering from a respiratory illness.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. It may prevent those around you from getting sick.
- Stay home if you are sick.

Please check on your neighbors, and if they don't have access to technology, please share this information with them.