

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2020

HEMPFIELD TOWNSHIP DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY FOR COVID-19

Hempfield Township continues to closely monitor the growing outbreak of COVID-19 and are regularly communicating to discuss protocols and recommendations, based on the information available from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), as well as the local and state health departments.

The Hempfield Township Board of Supervisors has declared a declaration of emergency in response to the COVID-19 virus. The Board of Supervisors declared this emergency following similar declarations made by the President of United States, the Governor of Pennsylvania, the Westmoreland County Commissioners, and other local communities. This declaration allows the use of federal, state, county, and local resources to assist with the mitigation of this pandemic if necessary.

Changes to Township Services

In an abundance of caution and in the best interest of our community, we are proceeding with the following actions:

- All current Parks & Recreation programs are suspended. Refunds will be issued for any programs that are not rescheduled.
- The Hempfield Township Athletic Complex will be closed to all guests and rentals. Any rentals scheduled during this closure will receive a full refund.
- The upcoming Board of Supervisors Public Work Session on Wednesday, March 18, 2020 is canceled. The Board of Supervisors Public Meeting on Monday, March 23, 2020 will take place as scheduled, however only essential business will occur at that meeting. The public is encouraged to take caution and refrain from attending the meeting if not necessary. The agenda for that meeting will be posted on the Township website by 12:00 pm on Thursday, March 19, 2020. Those wishing to make public comment on the agenda can do so in writing by 6:30 pm on Monday, March 23, 2020.
- The Hempfield Township Municipal Building will only be open to those needing to pick-up completed building permits or drop-off new building permits. All other services can be completed over the phone or via email.

We encourage all residents that need to conduct Township business to do so via phone at 724-834-7232 or email at hempfield@hempfieldtp.org. If you need to come to the Township building, please refrain from doing so if you are sick or are experiencing flu related symptoms.

Notification will be given as soon as it comes available for monthly meetings in April and when all facilities are operating under normal hours.

Guidelines for Prevention

We are asking all members of the community to follow the guidelines for prevention, as recommended by the CDC.

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve, not your hands.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are unavailable, use hand sanitizer.

Medical experts continue to emphasize that handwashing, maintaining proper hygiene, avoiding close contact with people who may be sick and avoiding touching your face are the best ways to prevent COVID-19.

Communication

We encourage all residents to routinely check the Township website at www.hempfieldtp.com for future updates. Specific contact information can be found on the website by clicking on the Contact Us button. By clicking on the Notify Me button, residents can sign up for notifications and alerts. Please continue to check our webpage and our social media accounts for additional updates.

We will continue to stay in close contact with the appropriate officials, health experts, and the CDC. We appreciate your patience and consideration during this unprecedented event.

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