

## Marple Township COVID-19 Notice

### Declaration of Emergency

March 16, 2020

Marple Township residents:

**Based on the current recommendations from the Commonwealth of PA and the Delaware County Emergency Management Office, Marple Township is Declaring a State of Emergency beginning on Monday, March 16, 2020. The Township Administration Building, Golf Course, Library and Township Parks will be closed to the public. These closures will remain in effect until further notice, unless dictated otherwise by the Governor's Office. During this emergency declaration only township staff and elected officials will be permitted in the Municipal Building. Township personnel may be contacted through telephone and email.**

Township government will remain operational, despite these closures. All trash, recycling and other essential public services will continue as scheduled. We will continue to post relevant information received by Delaware County and the Commonwealth on the Township Website and Cable Access Channel and the townships emergency notification system. Please take a moment to sign up for both the Township and County Emergency Alert System (Delco Alert).

Finally, all Township public meetings have been cancelled for the remainder of the month.

We will continue to monitor this situation in the upcoming days. Please continue to check the Township website and social media pages for further announcements and updates.

### **BUSINESS OPERATION PLAN**

#### **PERMITS**

- Current Permits received and not approved may be delayed for processing.
- No new permits will be processed until Marple Township re-opens the Office for normal operations.
- Special event permits received prior to the Disaster Declaration will be revoked.

#### **INSPECTIONS**

- Only emergency outdoor inspections will be made.
- Contact the Township's Building & Codes office team and leave a message. We will return your call or email within 24 hours to determine if the inspection is necessary and will schedule accordingly.

#### **SUB-DIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT**

- Pursuant to the State of Emergency Resolution issued and approved by the Board of Commissioners regarding the ongoing COVID-19 health emergency, Township Manager Larry

Gentile is extending any and all deadlines for Land Development responses to Right-to-Know Request and other submissions for Land Development, Zoning, etc., until further notice.

### **TOWNSHIP COUNCIL/COMMITTEE MEETINGS/TAX COLLECTOR HOURS**

- Township Commissioners Meetings cancelled until April 13, 2020.
- All Township Committee meetings during the month of March are cancelled.
- The Tax Collector Hours for collections in March will be postponed and residents may mail their tax payment or drop it off at the tax office drop box located in the lobby of the municipal 2ldg.

### **PARKS AND FACILITIES USE**

- Township park playground facilities will be closed to the public until further notice.
- Township Parks and facilities are closed. Township park trails will remain open; However, to continue providing outdoor options for our residents, we have not closed our park trails. Instead, we have asked residents to practice social distancing and avoid congregating in groups. Unfortunately, some residents have ignored our requests. As a reminder to residents, our Parks Maintenance Crew took the unusual step of placing caution tape around the equipment in many of our playgrounds. In addition, although most organizations have already cancelled their activities, we have formally suspended all Field Use Permits. It is our sincere hope that these actions will provide an extra reminder of the dangers of the Coronavirus. As Governor Tom Wolf said, "This virus is an invisible danger that could be present everywhere." The Coronavirus can remain infectious on surfaces, including playground equipment. We remind you to avoid close interaction, including contact sports, as the virus can be spread easily from person-to-person within 6 feet of each other.

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

- Public Works services (trash and recycling) will continue as scheduled until otherwise determined by the Township Manager or Emergency Management. All other township services will be handled on an absolute emergency only.

**Last updated Monday, April 6, 2020**