Township of Teaneck  
Executive Order No. T2020-01

Pursuant to the authority vested in me under the Council-Manager Plan, N.J.S.A. 40:69A-81, et seq., and Chapter 29, Section 7 of the Code of the Township of Teaneck, I issue the following Executive Order:

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization designated the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, outbreak as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Health and Human Services Secretary declared a public health emergency for the entire United States to aid the nation's healthcare community in responding to the Coronavirus (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, the spread of COVID-19 within New Jersey, and specifically within the Township of Teaneck, constitutes an imminent public health hazard that threatens and presently endangers the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the Township; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, the Governor of the State of New Jersey declared the concurrent invocation of both a State of Emergency pursuant to N.J.S.A. App.A:9-33 et seq. and a Public Health Emergency as contemplated by N.J.S.A. 26:13-1 et seq., which invoked the authority and powers contemplated by N.J.S.A. 26:13-3, the Emergency Health Powers Act, and remains in effect; and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, in response to the health emergency posed by COVID-19, the County of Bergen issued Executive Order No. 2020-01, which declared a State of Emergency in Bergen County and established mandates to combat COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the County of Bergen issued Executive Order 2020-1A, which expanded the mandates to combat COVID-19 to include the closing of all public theatres, movie theatres and performance halls; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared COVID-19 a national emergency; and

WHEREAS, since the declaration of the State of Emergency, issuance of Executive Orders No. 2020-01 and 2020-1A and the declaration of a national emergency, the number of cases in New Jersey has risen to 69, both travel-related cases and community contact transmission of COVID-19, with 31 confirmed cases in Bergen County, including 18 in the Township of Teaneck; and

WHEREAS, due to the ongoing COVID-19 health emergency, it is necessary to use every means at our disposal to implement additional measures, including but not limited to those directed at places of public gathering, in order to flatten the curve of the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, in consultation with and at the recommendation of, Township of Teaneck Health Officer Ken Katter and OEM Director Larry Robertson.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Dean B. Kazinczy, as Township Manager, do hereby order and direct that:
1) The above recitals are incorporated herein as if more fully set forth at length.

2) Because of the escalation of the health emergency within the Township of Teaneck, County of Bergen and the State of New Jersey regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19), the following places of public gathering, in addition to those set forth by County of Bergen Executive Order 2020-1A, are to cease operations due to the inability to provide appropriate "social distancing" in accordance with CDC guidelines:

   a) All bars, taverns, clubs or other locations with plenary retail consumption licenses;
   b) All gymnasiuims or health clubs;
   c) All day care centers;
   d) All barber shops, hair salons or nails salons;
   e) All private recreational sports programs which involve close physical contact including, but not limited to boxing, karate, tae kwon do, basketball, soccer; and
   f) All places of public gathering shall otherwise limit attendance at any event or gathering in order to comply with CDC guidelines related to "social distancing," and the directive issued by the Governor of the State of New Jersey related to gatherings of over 250 persons.

3) All restaurants, including those with plenary retail consumption licenses, are permitted to serve take out or delivery orders only.

4) All Township parks, playgrounds, basketball and tennis courts along with recreational fields, including the Votee Park Sportsplex are closed to the public until such time as it is determined by me that an emergency no longer exists.

5) The following food chains, located in the Township of Teaneck, are to restrict entry to only one member of an individual family and to permit at most, the following number of customers on premises at one time,

   A) Stop and Shop limit of 50 patrons;
   B) Glatt Express limit of 25 patrons;
   C) Cedar Market limit of 25 patrons.

6) All houses of worship are strongly encouraged to temporarily suspend all services or other communal activities.

7) All banking and other financial institutions practice social distancing and make every attempt to limit the number of customers.

8) As to those restrictions set forth above in sections 2 through 8, all appropriate Township Departments shall immediately enforce the above closure mandates in order to effectuate the terms of this Executive Order and shall immediately report any non-compliance to the Office of the Township Manager.

9) All workplaces are strongly encouraged to implement and observe CDC workplace social distancing measures, such as replacing in-person meetings with teleworking, modifying, postponing, or cancelling mass gatherings.
10) I recommend that all places of public gathering hosting 50 or more persons use their best efforts to record the name, address, phone or other appropriate contact information of all employees, patrons, visitors, vendors or any other persons within their facilities in order to aid health officials in the event contact tracing activities should become necessary in connection with their operations.

11) All Township of Teaneck Parking Restrictions are lifted until such time as it is determined by me that an emergency no longer exists.

12) This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until such time as it is determined by me that an emergency no longer exists.

13) This Executive Order may be supplemented or amended as the COVID-19 health emergency continues in order to effectuate its purpose and terms set forth herein.

14) A copy of this Executive Order shall be immediately transmitted to the Council of the Township of Teaneck.

Dean B. Kazinczy
Township Manager

Dated: March 15, 2020
Emergency Declaration

TO ALL RESIDENTS AND PERSONS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF TEANECK, BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AND TO ALL DEPARTMENTS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TEANECK

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization designated the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, outbreak as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Health and Human Services Secretary declared a public health emergency for the entire United States to aid the nation's healthcare community in responding to the Coronavirus (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, the spread of COVID-19 within New Jersey, and specifically within the Township of Teaneck, constitutes an imminent public health hazard that threatens and presently endangers the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the Township; and

WHEREAS, the spread of COVID-19 in New Jersey at a rate comparable to the rate of spread in other affected areas, would greatly strain the resources and capabilities of county and municipal governments, including public health agencies, which provide essential services for containing and mitigating the spread of contagious diseases, such as COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, the Governor of the State of New Jersey declared the concurrent invocation of both a State of Emergency pursuant to N.J.S.A. App.A.:9-33 et seq. and a Public Health Emergency as contemplated by N.J.S.A. 26:13-1 et seq., which invoked the authority and powers contemplated by N.J.S.A. 26:13-3, the Emergency Health Powers Act, and remains in effect; and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, in response to the health emergency posed by COVID-19, the County of Bergen issued Executive Order No. 2020-01, which declared a State of Emergency in Bergen County and established mandates to combat COVID-19; and

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WHEREAS, the Township is working with federal, state and local officials and authorities on a daily basis on prevention and mitigation activities that include providing critical information to the public about COVID-19 to provide facts and avoid unnecessary
fear, training emergency responders and health professionals about the disease and investigating suspected, presumptive and confirmed cases; and

WHEREAS, the Township may be required to acquire goods and services that may not be currently available in the Township’s product inventory or from vendors with whom the Township currently has a contractual relationship in order to protect and maintain the health, safety, and welfare of Township residents and visitors, and successfully combat the impact of the virus.

WHEREAS, due to the ongoing COVID-19 health emergency, it is necessary to use every means at our disposal to implement additional measures, including but not limited to those directed at places of public gathering, in order to flatten the curve of the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, in consultation with and at the recommendation of, Township of Teaneck Emergency Management Coordinator Larry Robertson and Health Officer Ken Katter.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mohammed Hameeduddin, as Mayor of the Township of Teaneck, do hereby order and direct that:

1) The above recitals are incorporated herein as if more fully set forth at length.

2) A health emergency hereby exists within the Township of Teaneck regarding the Coronavirus (COVID 19).

3) All necessary Township Departments are authorized to take appropriate action to assist in containing, preparing for, responding to, and recovering from this COVID-19 outbreak.

4) All Township Departments immediately shall develop and implement any and all infectious disease guidelines and protocols and use all personal protective equipment in connection therewith.

5) All Township employees shall follow all local, County, State and Federal health recommendations, in addition to Centers for Disease Control recommendations including but not limited to Handwashing, Sanitizing and Basic Infection Control Procedures.

6) There is an immediate ban on all Township business related travel to any states that have reported COVID 19 cases. Similar travel restrictions are strongly recommended for all local travel.

7) Township residents who are seniors, particularly those with underlying health conditions, are strongly encouraged to avoid large crowds and large gatherings while COVID-19 remains a threat.

8) To combat COVID-19, the Township shall be permitted whenever necessary to procure the necessary goods or services, which are not available under contracts currently in existence with the Township, without complying with the New Jersey Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6 et. seq.), including but not limited to the following:
• to award emergency contracts, including but not limited to emergency contracts or leases for relocation and support of Township operations for professional services for purchases of commodities, services, and technology;

• to purchase food, supplies, services, and equipment;

• to procure any supplies or equipment required to ensure adequate sanitization, cleaning or sterilization of any facility or location.

9) The Township Health Officer shall implement any emergency regulations or amendments to any sanitary or health code of the Township.

10) The Township Health Officer shall engage in periodic and regular communication with the County Health Officer in order to coordinate activities, avoid any gaps in information sharing and collaborate on containment and mitigation measures in order to ensure accurate and comprehensive contact tracing to effectively combat the spread of COVID-19. coordinate, communicate and collaborate with all local health officials to take the necessary steps to combat the spread of COVID-19.

11) All Township Departments shall take all reasonable measures to protect the health and safety of such vulnerable and at-risk populations, including safe treatment, transfer and discharge practices, and to comply with the Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act (42 U.S.C. section 1395dd) and any associated regulations.

12) The Township Health Officer and all Township Departments shall work collaboratively to determine and execute effective strategies, initiatives, protocols and procedures to prevent, mitigate and combat the spread of COVID-19, particularly among the most vulnerable and at-risk populations, including but not limited to senior centers and nursing homes; and take all action to the extent necessary to maintain the public health with respect to treatment or containment of persons with or possibly exposed to COVID 19.

13) This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until such time as it is determined by me that an emergency no longer exists.

14) A copy of this Executive Order shall be immediately transmitted to the Bergen County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Mohammed Hameeduddin, Mayor

Larry Robertson, Emergency Management Coordinator

3/15/2020

15 March 2020

Date

Date