

# **BOROUGH OF HALEDON**

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## **An Announcement from the Office of the Mayor**

### **Coronavirus COVID-19 Local Update**

**May 1, 2020**

#### **Our Haledon Community:**

I hope you and your loved ones are doing well as we continue to fight back against COVID-19. As of this writing, there have been 256 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Haledon and 12,814 confirmed cases throughout Passaic County. 4 Haledon residents are currently in the hospital, 2 of which are in an Intensive Care Unit, and the rest are recuperating at home. Haledon is currently at 11 deaths related to complications of COVID-19, which has been confirmed by the Passaic County Health Department. The ages and genders of the neighbors we have sadly lost are as follows: 57 year old male; 58 year old male; 83 year old female; 89 year old female; 39 year old male; 76 year old male; 73 year old female; 20 year old male; 44 year old male; and 60 year old female. I extend my sincerest condolences to everyone affected by this pandemic. Please be advised that New Jersey has over 118,656 confirmed cases of COVID-19. However, it is encouraging to know that, according to the New Jersey Department of Health, 129,266 residents of New Jersey have tested negative for COVID-19. I would also like to bring the following to your attention:

- Please be advised that Governor Phil Murphy has signed an Executive Order extending the grace period for the May 1, 2020 tax deadline to June 1, 2020 for all New Jersey municipalities. You may participate in a remote Special Council Meeting on Thursday, May 7, 2020, at 7PM. To access the meeting, residents should use Free Conference Call number, 425-436-6358. The Access Code will be 119151;
- Governor Phil Murphy has also issued an Executive Order opening state and county parks, in addition to golf courses, effective Saturday, May 2, 2020. As per the Executive Order, all playgrounds, pavilions, visitor centers, and restrooms will remain closed and organized sports and picnics are still prohibited. In addition, parking will be reduced to 50% capacity and social distancing will be enforced;
- After careful deliberation regarding our municipal park, Roe Street Park will be reopened to the public effective Saturday, May 2, 2020. As a precautionary measure, organized sports and picnics are prohibited and social distancing will be strictly enforced. Residents shall utilize a face cover when encountering other residents. Due to the condensed size, the playground section will remain closed until further notice. Manchester Regional High School closed their grounds to the public, including their track, out of an abundance of caution. According to the Superintendent of Schools, that decision is being reconsidered;
- New Jersey Courts has committed to continue serving residents during the COVID-19 crisis. As per New Jersey Courts, "Until further notice, there are no in-person Municipal Court, Superior Court, and Tax Court proceedings (except for extremely limited emergent matters). As many matters as possible will be handled by telephone or video conference. Court offices and most municipal courts also are closed for in-person submissions."

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- Please be reminded the federal government has begun dispersing stimulus checks also known as the Economic Impact Payment. For more information regarding payment eligibility and/or payment status, please visit <https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/get-my-payment>;
- If you believe an employer, organization, or entity is violating any Executive Order and/or COVID-19 restrictions, please be advised that you may report any violations directly to the State at <https://covid19.nj.gov/forms/violation>;
- A banner continues to drape across Belmont Avenue thanking our first responders, healthcare workers, food industry workers, delivery workers and DPW workers who continue making sacrifices in their committed effort to help save lives;
- Please be reminded that Governor Phil Murphy issued an Executive Order mandating all residents to wear masks in grocery stores as COVID-19 cases and deaths continue to climb. To lessen overcrowding, all "essential retail" stores will only be permitted to allow up to 50 percent of their approved capacity inside. All customers and employees will be required to wear face coverings while inside the store, and businesses must supply employees with masks, coverings and gloves;
- The community is urged to properly dispose their gloves, masks, or any other personal protective equipment. Regardless, someone still has to pick them up and be exposed to unwanted germs. The Haledon Police Department will be strongly enforcing littering violations; and
- The Passaic County Health Department continues to administer COVID-19 daily testing, generally Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, 9:00AM to 12:00PM, in Lot 6 of William Paterson University. During inclement weather, the testing site is generally closed. You must be a Passaic County resident and you must have a prescription from a healthcare provider. If you are in need of a prescription, you may utilize the telehealth service being offered by Saint Joseph's University Medical Center for a fee. Please visit [www.stjosephshealth.org/telehealth](http://www.stjosephshealth.org/telehealth) for more information regarding the telehealth program.

Again, we implore you to remain home and only travel for a legitimate, essential purpose. The practice of physical, social distancing continues to be paramount. For any updates, please visit our borough website, [www.haledonboronj.com](http://www.haledonboronj.com).

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Sincerely,

Haledon Mayor Domenick Stampone, Esq.



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