

The Township of Byram
Executive Order 2020-1

Pursuant to the authority vested in me under the Council-Manager Plan, N.J.S.A 40:69A-81, et. seq., and Chapter 3, Section 3-8 of the Code of the Township of Byram, I issue the following Executive Order.

To all the citizens and persons within the Town of Byram, County of Sussex, New Jersey, and to all departments, divisions, and bureaus of the municipal government of the Township of Byram, New Jersey:

WHEREAS, by reason of the existing COVID-19 pandemic and advice from the State and Federal government, including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, it has been determined that conditions exist which may affect the health, safety, and welfare of the people of The Township of Byram and the Township Employees; 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, the aforesaid laws authorize the promulgation of such orders, rules and regulations, as are necessary to meet the various problems which have or may be presented by such a disaster/emergency; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that all of the Township of Byram should be then declared in a state of emergency, and further that certain measures must be taken to ensure authorities will not be hampered in their efforts to maintain law and order as well as an orderly flow of traffic and further to protect the persons and property of the residents and employees affected by the conditions within the Township of Byram.

NOW, THEREFORE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH the aforesaid laws, , I hereby promulgate and declare the following rules and policy changes. This Executive Order shall be in addition to all other laws of the State of New Jersey and of the Township of Byram effective March 17, 2020, 8:00 PM EST.

1. All Municipal Buildings are closed to the public for general business. Employees are still expected at work during their regularly scheduled shifts and all municipal business should be conducted via mail, email, telephone, video conferencing, and/or website.
2. Any actions necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the employees and volunteers of the Township of Byram, the Byram Township Police Department, Byram

Township Fire Department, and the Lakeland Emergency Squad.

3. To ensure the continuity of operations of the Township municipal organization and all of its departments, divisions, and bureaus.
4. Restricting access to the Township Municipal Building and other municipal facilities.
5. Restricting the number of meetings to be held at the Township Municipal Building and other facilities
6. The Recycling Center for metal, leaves and brush will be closed until further notice.
7. All playgrounds in the Township's Parks (including COJ and Riverside) are closed. Township parks will remain open for passive recreation subject to social distancing.
8. Solutions will be explored for future Council Meetings, Planning Board Meetings, and other Committee Meetings to conduct essential business which may include video conferencing. The Public shall check the Township website and/or Facebook page. for updates on this matter. The Township will also notify the public via Nixle and normal noticing means to let the public know any changes to meeting schedules or formats.

These restrictions shall remain in place until lifted or amended by order of the Township Manager.

This is being done to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the Township residents, business owners, and visitors alike. By implementing these orders, we are able to maintain basic levels of government services while preserving the ability of the Emergency Services Personnel and Department of Public Works to maintain critical infrastructure.

As Township Manager and Chief Executive Officer of the Township of Byram, I am declaring this Executive Order as stated herein and commit all municipal resources at my disposal this effort. The public should be aware that this is a living document and subject to update from time to time. It will be continuously posted on our website.



Joseph W. Sabatini
Township Manager, The Township of Byram
Dated: March 17, 2020