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Hello

This is East Hanover Mayor Joe Pannullo with a special announcement. The Township of East Hanover continues to monitor the coronavirus outbreak in our area.

Please be advised the East Hanover Health Department has informed us that since the beginning of the corona virus outbreak, East Hanover has had 79 confirmed cases. The good news is of the 79 cases, 43 cases are now closed meaning that all appropriate protocols were taken, the isolation period is over and completed according the NJ State Department of Health guidelines. There are still 30 open cases and 3 of the 30 are hospitalized. The remaining 27 cases remain home quarantined. Sadly we report that there have been 6 fatalities in East Hanover due to the coronavirus.

We ask that you pray for those who have the virus and to pray for those families that have lost their loved ones. As we told you we expected these numbers to rise and that is why it is very important more than ever to practice safe social distancing.

If a person is to start showing symptoms of COVID-19, which include fever, cough and shortness of breath, residents must contact their healthcare provider prior to visiting the hospital or a healthcare setting.

Individuals with mild symptoms should stay home if they are sick and follow the guidance of their health care provider.

We ask that you patronize our local businesses by using technology to make your purchases on line as well patronize our restaurants by using their takeout and delivery services.

A very special thanks to our first responder's particularly our East Hanover Police Department and our great volunteers from our East Hanover First Aid Squad and East Hanover Volunteer Fire Department.

For those of you who we observe gathering in groups please we ask you NOT to do that. Remember, as I always say, we may not be related by blood, but we are related by community and that makes us family. And family takes care of family. However although most of you are doing proper social distancing and wearing masks and gloves, there are still some in the community that ARE NOT abiding by the rules. You are hurting yourselves and the rest of us that do abide by the rules.

Please if at all possible stay at home. If you must go out please wear a mask and practice safe social distancing. This is the most critical period of this virus. Please be smart and safe. The life you may save may be your own or your family's or friends.

For additional information call the NJ COVID-19 Information Public Call Center at 1-800-962-1253 or

Call NJ 211 or text NJCOVID to 898-211 to receive text information and to stay informed.

To receive live text assistance, residents can text their zip code to 898-211.

The NJ Department of Human Services operates a toll free “warm line” which is a resource for people seeking mental health services. (877) 294-HELP (4357).

**If you have any questions please call me on my cell at 973-418-5859.
Thank you.**