

Dear Haworth Neighbor:

It has been a good two weeks since our last Update. 'Good' in two senses –the passage of time and the events that have occurred. Our Schools have reopened, seemingly successfully with the structures and procedures put in place by our Police Department working well to protect the health of students, teachers, and parents and to assure that the school day is productive and efficient.

Next, we have had only one new confirmed case in the past two weeks. As of this morning, that brings our official total with the County Health Department to 50 in the seven months since the pandemic took hold.

How have we achieved this? By careful observance of the four guidelines of masks, social distance, avoidance of clustering and handwashing. All of these are intrusions on our accustomed way of pre-pandemic life but, with practice and repetition, they hopefully are becoming habits. This is good, also, because all indications are that we are going to be challenged by the virus and its consequences well into next year. So, we cannot relax but must stay the course and, as noted below, get our flu shots early as a fifth element in the fight so as to protect against other infections that might leave individuals vulnerable to COVID.

We are also in the process of developing innovative ways to pursue traditional Town events over the Fall so that we might continue community life without endangering your health and safety.

Together we will get through this – it will take time and patience – and sacrifice – but we will get through it together.

ELECTION UPDATE

In the past couple of updates, we have disseminated important information regarding dates and procedures for voting in the General Election on November 3rd. The Bergen County Board of Freeholders has now released a video with much of the same information which we hope will make it easier for some to follow the process and make sure that their vote is counted. The video can be viewed via the following link: <https://youtu.be/Z0nva8m00xU>.

As we have noted in prior updates and as mentioned on the video, one of the ways to return your ballot is to deposit it in one of the secure ballot drop boxes located throughout the County. A complete list, as of this writing, of the secure ballot drop box locations in Bergen County can be found at: <https://www.co.bergen.nj.us/bergen-county-board-of-elections/ballot-drop-box-locations>. The closest drop box to Haworth is located at 118 Serpentine Road, Demarest, NJ (Borough Hall).

The Bergen County Board of Elections has advised that these drop boxes will be emptied at regular intervals by a representative of the Democratic Party, a representative of the Republican Party and an officer from the Bergen County Sheriff's Department.

The most important message from the Mayor and Council is VOTE!

SENIOR VAN UPDATE:

The Senior Van broke down for the last time on September 1st after 14 years of service and 140,000 miles. It only lasted that long due to the efforts of our DPW. Fortunately, we received a temporary replacement vehicle from Bergen County Senior Services at no cost to the borough.

This vehicle is a four-passenger van with seats for three in the back, one seat in front and a ramp for wheelchair access. When we are transporting a senior in a wheelchair, we will only transport the senior and the aide. We will continue safe practices for COVID-19 conditions. Seniors interested in the service, please click [here](#).

HAWORTH DRIVE-THRU FLU CLINIC UPDATE:

It is more important than ever to get your flu shot this year! The Haworth Board of Health will be hosting a drive-thru flu clinic at the Haworth Volunteer Ambulance Corps at 271 Park Street on October 3rd from 9-11 am. You can download a registration form at www.haworthapothecary.com. Flu vaccines will be available for anyone over 6 months of age (infants and children under 8 years receiving the flu vaccine for the first time may need a second dose 4 weeks later). Please bring your insurance card.

We request that cars line up on Park Street facing north (next to the tennis courts and playground). Volunteers will collect your registration forms or provide forms to complete and direct you to pull up when it is your turn. Participants should remain in their cars until they are called to receive their shot.

We encourage everyone to use a car but those not in cars will be asked to maintain social distancing. Masks are required for everyone.

Getting a flu shot this year will help prevent the possibility of a “double pandemic”. Symptoms of flu and COVID-19 are very similar. Preventing the spread of the flu in our community this flu season will help our children stay in school, keep our businesses open, and prevent hospitals and doctors’ offices from being overwhelmed.

Come get your flu shot and keep our community health and safe!

HAWORTH VIRTUAL HERO RUN CHALLENGE:

The global pandemic has upended so many traditions and the Haworth Run/Walk is no exception. In lieu of our annual September morning gathering, the Haworth Road Runners’ Association is pleased to announce that it is hosting a virtual Run/Walk. Participants will be able to choose a race length (5K, 10K and/or Marathon Challenge) to be completed over a month-long period (September 13th – October 13, 2020) and proceeds will benefit Haworth’s community heroes, Englewood Health and the Closter Food Pantry.

For more information, to register and/or donate, please visit www.haworth5k.org.

HAWORTH LIBRARY UPDATE:

The library building will be open regular hours beginning on Monday, September 21.
In-person service schedule:

Special Hours for Seniors: Monday - Friday, 10 am - 11 am

Monday: 11 am - 9 pm

Tuesday: 11 am - 5 pm
Wednesday: 11 am - 9 pm
Thursday: 11 am - 5 pm
Friday: 11 am - 5 pm
Saturday: 10 am - 5 pm

Curbside Pickup is still available Monday -- Friday 10 am - 12 pm. No need to schedule anymore!

NJ TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS:

As of Tuesday, September 15, there are currently 30 states and U.S. jurisdictions that meet the criteria for restrictions. A complete list of states and jurisdictions requiring quarantine can be found [here](#). The self-quarantine is voluntary, but compliance is expected. There are exemptions to the travel restrictions: Business travelers, Critical Infrastructure Workers and Season Migrant Farm Workers may continue to work with precautions.

A voluntary online survey may be found at <https://covid19.nj.gov/forms/njtravel>.

REGIONAL MUNICIPAL COVID-19 TESTING:

The County will resume COVID-19 testing starting September 29th through November 3rd on a regional basis. All sites will be open to Bergen County residents. We will share the scheduling information when we receive it.

CARES ACT UPDATE:

The Bergen County CARES Small Business Grant Program is an economic stability measure designed to provide financial relief to small businesses negatively affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and to increase overall business confidence during recovery. Please visit [here](#) for more information on relief available to small business owners in Bergen County.

TERRACE STREET PARK IMPROVEMENTS:

Please be advised that we have begun the long-awaited Terrace Street Park renovations. The first step was removal of the old picnic tables and wood chips. We hope the project will be completed in October. Thank you for your patience.