

Below is an update from your Mayor and Council regarding COVID-19 preparations:

Your Mayor and Council, along with the Haworth Coronavirus (COVID-19) Task Force, continue to closely monitor recent developments regarding the outbreak. Currently, there are no presumed positive COVID-19 cases in Haworth.

CANCELATIONS:

As you may know, the state and county declared emergencies regarding the Coronavirus that is currently disrupting life. The Mayor and Council have determined it is in the community's best interest to cancel the Seniors St. Patrick's Day luncheon, the Haworth Coffee House and the Annual Egg Hunt. The Haworth Public Library will be canceling all programs from March 16th thru March 31. The county-sponsored shredding event scheduled to take place in Haworth tomorrow, Saturday, March 14th, is also canceled.

The recommendation of the Borough is that all Haworth-appointed committees and commissions cancel any upcoming meetings for the foreseeable future. The Mayor and Council will maintain communication with these bodies to ensure continuity in the provision of Borough services. The Borough understands that this is a serious situation and in consideration of the welfare of the residents of Haworth, it requires our attention and diligence.

SCHOOLS:

Also, we note that the Haworth Public School and Demarest High School will provide continuing instruction online for all students as of Monday, March 16th and will be distributing detailed information to students and parents as how to participate. The Mayor and Council will maintain full and open communication and coordination with both schools and will provide updates as appropriate.

BEST PRACTICES:

As a reminder, please stay home if you are sick. Wash and sanitize your hands frequently, and work from home if you can. Please avoid large, discretionary gatherings whenever possible.

COVID-19 TESTING:

If you are in Haworth and believe you were exposed to a confirmed case of COVID-19, you should contact your healthcare provider first instead of going to the emergency room, as testing is limited to those with exposure and symptoms.

As of this posting, the criteria for testing for COVID-19 is limited to the following:

- You have returned from any of the following countries within the past 14 days: China, France, Germany, Italy, Iran, Japan, South Korea or Spain AND have a fever, cough, and/or shortness of breath;

OR

- You had direct contact with a COVID-19 positive patient AND you have a fever, cough and/or shortness of breath.

As always, if you are experiencing a medical emergency, please call 9-1-1.

OUTREACH TO SENIOR AND IMMUNOSUPPRESSANT RESIDENTS:

The senior van service is suspended for the foreseeable future. If you are a senior resident who needs transportation for medical appointments, please contact Councilwoman Heather Wasser at Wasser@haworthnj.org.

If you are a senior or immunosuppressant resident that needs help shopping OR if you can volunteer to shop for these residents, please email Councilwoman Heather Wasser at Wasser@haworthnj.org.

IMPORTANT WEBSITES AND PHONE NUMBERS:

For the most up to date information, visit the New Jersey Department of Health at <http://www.nj.gov/health> or the CDC at <http://www.cdc.gov>, or call the NJ Department of Health COVID-19 hotline at 1-800-222-1222.

Thank you to residents for your continuing assistance and patience.