

The COVID 19 virus is continuing to spread rapidly throughout the country and in our State. While we are not aware of any confirmed cases of the virus in Avon, there have been several cases reported in our area in the past week. In order to protect the health and safety of Avon's residents and to prevent the further spread of COVID-19, we have declared a State of Emergency for the Borough which will allow us to promptly secure any resources we need and to promptly take any actions necessary to respond to this threat. Under this Declaration, the closures of the following facilities and suspensions of Borough sponsored programs will remain in effect until further notice:

1. Avon Municipal Building Gym
2. Avon Recreation programs
3. Avon Public Library
4. Avon Marina Building

Avon municipal offices will remain open, however the window will be closed to the public. Residents should mail in any payments or use the drop box in the entranceway to the offices. No business will be conducted at the window to the office in the lobby and there will be no in-person meetings with Borough staff. Borough services will continue to operate on their normal schedules. If you have any questions, you should contact the Borough office at 732-502-4510.

For Recycling and Trash pickup, at this time we will continue scheduled pickups. However, all residents should comply with the attached instructions sheet from the Department of Public Works.

Avon Board of Commissioners meetings will now be conducted telephonically. Members of the public will be provided with the call-in numbers and will have an opportunity to comment and ask questions telephonically during the public session of the meetings. The website will be updated with the phone number and PIN number for access to call in by telephone.

We remind all residents that under the Governor's March 16, 2020 executive order all restaurants and eateries can only provide take-out and delivery services and all businesses, other than grocery/ food stores, pharmacies and gas stations should be closed from 8:00 PM to 5:00 AM. All gyms and fitness centers shall be closed. We encourage residents to support our local businesses that remain open.

Lastly, but most importantly, we urge our residents to practice social distancing wherever they are. The CDC advises that this is one of the best strategies to prevent the spread of COVID-19. At home, at work, or outside anywhere, it is vital that everyone follow this CDC guidelines. In addition, even if less than 10 people are involved, as set forth in the Borough's Emergency Declaration, we urge residents to avoid gathering in groups for any activities inside or outside, including at the beach, in the park or at the playgrounds. It is critical that we follow these steps to protect everyone in our community.

These are challenging times for everyone. If we all work together and follow the directives of Federal, State, County and local officials, no matter how disruptive or inconvenient they may now seem to be, we will get through this together.

For updates, check the Borough web site if you have any questions. Working together as a community, we will get through this challenge.

Very truly yours,

Edward Bonanno, Mayor
John Magrini, Commissioner
Robert Mahon, Commissioner