



Village of Ridgewood
County of Bergen
State of New Jersey

PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

TO ALL CITIZENS AND PERSONS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEWOOD, NEW JERSEY, AND TO ALL GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, DIVISIONS AND BUREAUS OF THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEWOOD, NEW JERSEY:

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization designated the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, outbreak as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Health and Human Services Secretary declared a public health emergency for the entire United States to aid the nation's healthcare community in responding to the Coronavirus (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, the spread of COVID-19 within New Jersey constitutes an imminent public health hazard that threatens and presently endangers the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of one or more municipalities or counties of the State; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, the Governor of the State of New Jersey declared the concurrent invocation of both a State of Emergency pursuant to N.J.S.A. App.A.:9-33 *et seq.* and a Public Health Emergency as contemplated by N.J.S.A. 26:13-1 *et seq.*, which invoked the authority and powers contemplated by N.J.S.A. 26:13-3, the Emergency Health Powers Act, and remains in effect; and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, in response to the health emergency posed by COVID-19, the Bergen County Executive issued Executive Order No. 2020-01, which declared a State of Emergency in Bergen County and established mandates to combat COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Bergen County Executive issued Supplemental Executive Order No. 2020-01A, which directed further action to be taken to combat COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States, by the authority of sections 201 and 301 of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1601 *et seq.*) and consistent with section 1135 of the Social Security Act (SSA), as amended (42 U.S.C. 1320b-5), declared and proclaimed that the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States constitutes a national emergency; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the powers vested in me by chapter 251 of the Laws of 1942, as amended and supplemented, N.J.S.A. App. A:9-30 et. seq.; N.J.S.A. 40:48-1(6); and ordinances enacted pursuant thereto; and N.J.S.A. 2C:33- et. seq.; I have declared that a Public Health Emergency exists within the Village of Ridgewood; 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 an emergency; and

WHEREAS, by reason of the public health conditions which presently exist in all areas of the Village of Ridgewood which may affect the health, safety, and welfare of the residents and persons within the Village of Ridgewood; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that certain measures must be taken to insure that the authorities will be unhampered in their efforts to combat the spread of COVID-19 within the Village of Ridgewood, to maintain law and order, and further in order to protect the public health, welfare and safety of persons and property of the residents affected by the condition.

NOW, THEREFORE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AFORESAID LAWS, effective immediately, and until further notice, I do hereby promulgate and declare a State of Emergency within the Village of Ridgewood, County of Bergen, and State of New Jersey, and do hereby order and direct that:

1. Ridgewood Village Hall, The Stable, and all Village offices will be closed to the public (with staff working) effective beginning Monday, March 16, 2020 until further notice, with the exception of the Ridgewood Police desk, which will remain open to the public.

2. All public and Board of Education recreational fields, all school grounds, all tennis, pickleball, and basketball courts, and playgrounds within the Village of Ridgewood are closed, and all organized sports activities within all municipal and Board of Education parks/fields, as well as recreational activities run by the Village of Ridgewood or Board of Education are hereby postponed until further notice.

3. All public meetings of non-essential municipal boards and committees are suspended. The Village Council, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment will continue to meet but will discourage in-person attendance by members of the public, while making available means of remote, telephone access by the public for public comment.

4. All places of public gatherings shall limit attendance at any event or gathering to 250 or fewer persons, in accordance with the directive issued by the Governor of the State of New Jersey and in order to comply with CDC guidelines for "social distancing."

5. All residents are encouraged to stay within their own properties, avoid large groups and maintain “social distancing” in accordance with CDC guidance.

6. All workplaces within the Village are strongly encouraged to implement and observe CDC workplace social distancing measures, such as replacing in-person meetings with teleworking, modifying, postponing or canceling mass gatherings.

7. All places of public gathering hosting 50 or more persons are strongly urged to use their best efforts to record the name, address, phone or other appropriate contact information of all employees, patrons, visitors, vendors or any other persons within their facilities in order to aid health officials in the event contact tracing activities should become necessary in connection with their operations.

8. All restaurants and bars are urged to encourage take-out and curbside delivery in lieu of in-restaurant dining, and to reduce seating capacity to increase space between groups of patrons to assist in “social distancing” in accordance with CDC guidelines, by maintaining a distance of 6 feet between groups of diners and patrons.



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Village of Ridgewood

March 15, 2020
Date