



Montgomery Township COVID-19 Mitigation Measures

3/16/2020

In response to the Governor's directive on Thursday, March 12, 2020, Montgomery Township began mitigation practices to help slow and prevent the spread of the coronavirus/COVID-19.

The Township will continue to provide essential services, such as Police, and Fire. Beginning on Friday, March 13, 2020, the Township Building will be closed to the public. However, Township Staff will be available to serve the public in all other and non-essential services such as business tax collection, and permits, but residents will be directed to communicate with the Township via email and telephone rather than in person.

All in person "over the counter" Township services will, subject to evolving conditions with COVID-19, resume Monday, March 30, 2020. Please be aware that this timeline is based on the Governor's current directive and is subject to change.

At this time, the Township will continue to monitor COVID-19 carefully and is seeking alternative options for public meetings to limit the opportunity for exposure and spread of the illness. Any change in meetings will be posted in advance of the meetings on the Township's website (www.montgomerytwp.org), our Facebook Page (@Monttwp), and our Twitter page (@MontTwp).

A breakdown of the Department Services can be found below:

- **Planning and Zoning Department- Permits and Code Enforcement**

- All new zoning, building or other applications will be processed via mail, online, or through the drop box in the Township Lobby (access from the Police Department Entrance only).
- Inspections will still be taking place on a limited basis.
- The public will still be able to interact with Township Personnel via phone and email. Residents are encouraged to call 215-393-6920 to discuss their applications.

- **Finance Department & Business Tax**

- Business Tax Returns will be extended until further notice. Any questions regarding business tax can be directed to their office via the Township main number at 215-393-6900.
- If you would like to drop off your business tax or real estate tax payments, they can be accepted in the Township Lobby drop-off area (access from the Police Department Entrance only).

- **Fire Services**

- Fire Services Personnel can be reached via phone at the Township main phone at 215-393-6900. In the event of an emergency, please dial 9-1-1.

- **Front Desk/Administration Department**

- The Front Desk Area is closed to the public. Please call 215-393-6900 to reach the receptionist and any Township Administration Staff.

- **Parks and Recreation- Community and Recreation Center**

- The Community and Recreation Center is closed through March 30th and has cancelled all activities through the end of March. No organized activities are permitted at any Township Facility. Large group gatherings within the Township are strongly discouraged.
- Effective 12 p.m. on Monday, March 16, Montgomery Township Bark Park and the following Montgomery Township park amenities will be closed until further notice:
 - Playgrounds
 - Courts (tennis, basketball, street hockey, etc.)
 - Soccer fields
 - Baseball fields
- Bark Park is the only park closed to the public at this time, as it often serves as a popular gathering place for residents.
- Montgomery Township Park trails and open space will remain open to the public. If you do choose to use the trails and open space within our parks, please make sure you are maintaining a 6-foot distance from others.
- Community and Recreation Center Staff are available by phone to answer your questions at 267-649-7200.

- **Police Department**

- The Police Department will be open and providing services as usual with some provisions below.
 - Officers responding to private residences and businesses for a non-emergency call for service may request the caller to meet them at the entrance or outside to reduce the possibility for any cross-contamination of the COVID-19 Virus.
 - In some non-emergency situations, you may receive a return phone call from a police officer who will take the report over the phone to reduce the possibility of any COVID-19 Virus cross-contamination between the police and people contacting the police department for non-emergency police services.
- Police Services Personnel can be reached 215-362-2301. In the event of an emergency, please dial 9-1-1.

- **Public Works**

- The Public Works Staff is available by phone for any questions at 215-855-0510.