



## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

# Amended Declaration of State of Emergency for the City of Trenton

To all City of Trenton residents, as of 12:01pm today, October 27, 2020, in consultation with the City's Emergency Management Coordinator (OEM Coordinator), the City has continued its declared State of Emergency within the City of Trenton as we continue to deal with the local and regional presence of the COVID-19 virus, commonly known as Coronavirus.

This decision is consistent with the State of Emergency declared by the President of the United States<sup>1</sup>, by New Jersey's Governor<sup>2</sup>, and by the Mercer County Executive<sup>3</sup>, and is the result of ongoing collaboration and consultations between my office, the OEM Coordinator, City Administrative Departments,, County of Mercer OEM Coordinator and other local, regional, state health and emergency management officials, and federal representatives; and is intended to help contain the spread of COVID-19 as the number of cases in the state and region grows. A State of Emergency in the City of Trenton was deemed necessary to ensure the continued provision of essential services to our residents during this ongoing and developing health emergency.

Specifically, it is Ordered that:

1. City Hall will be closed from October 27, 2020 to November 3, 2020 and the presence of employees will be restricted to essential personnel as determined by the respective Department Directors;
2. All Senior Centers be closed from October 27 through November 3, 2020 but meals will be distributed;
3. Recreation Centers be closed from October 27, 2020 through November 3, 2020, while parks will remain accessible;
4. All public safety operations will continue with specified limitations in public access to police and fire headquarters;
5. Municipal Court will continue to operate remotely as per the guidelines published by the Administrative Office of the Courts. and with restricted public access to the court staff.;
6. The Office of Emergency Management will be activated and staffed in accordance with emergency operating procedures under the direction of Grady Griffin;

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<sup>1</sup> Declaration of Donald J. Trump, March 13, 2020

<sup>2</sup> Executive Order 103 of Governor Phil Murphy, March 9, 2020

<sup>3</sup> Executive Order 2020-01 of Brian Hughes, March 12, 2020

7. Health and other essential code inspections will continue with reduced administrative personnel and public access to City Hall;
8. Department of Water and Sewer will continue operations with limited access for customer service with on-line payment encouraged. We will be suspending turn-off notices for delinquent payments until further notice;
9. Public Works and specifically garbage collection will continue subject to changing personnel limitations;
10. A public hotline number and email protocol will be set up to respond to resident inquiries regarding this public health emergency.

It is Advised that Churches, Synagogues, and Mosques and other places of worship limit person to person interaction and provide social distancing as per the guidelines issued by Governor Phil Murphy.

It is Advised that City social organizations and nonprofit entities limit person to person contact and provide social distancing in accordance with the directives of Governor Phil Murphy.

Because of the COVID-19 , we recognize that there will be disruption to City services and access to City Hall. Notwithstanding, as local government officials, public workers, volunteers and other contracting agencies and personnel, we will do our best to continue to provide essential services for the public good of our City residents. Our Emergency Management team will continue to monitor the public health emergency closely and is prepared respond to any contingencies that arise.

The City will provide residents with public service announcements twice daily, at 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM, though social media and the City website. The URL 's to both can be found below:

- <https://www.facebook.com/cityoftrentonnj/>
- <https://www.trentonnj.org/542/Coronavirus-Disease-2019-COVID-19>

While we rely upon the expertise of federal, state and county officials to help contain this virus, we have faith in our neighbors and fellow citizens to rise to this challenge for the good of our City in the weeks to come.

In the meantime, be safe and please follow recommended guidance from your healthcare provider.

By: \_\_\_\_\_



W. Reed Gusciora  
Mayor