

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON



Coronavirus Update (March 17, 2020)

As of 4 p.m. today the Washington Township municipal offices will be closed to the public. All board and committee meetings through March 27 have been cancelled. Parks will remain open but playgrounds will be closed. Programs at Senior Center and Teen Center are suspended through March 27.

These additional measures have been taken as the first COVID-19 positive in a neighboring municipality (Mansfield Township) was announced today by the Warren County Health Department.

Public inquiries and requests will still be handled online or by email. The Township of Washington offers the ability to make payments online for:

- Taxes: <https://www.wtmorris.org/index.php/departments/tax-collector/tax-payment-portal.html>
- Alarm Registration:
<https://www.wtmorris.org/index.php/services/make-a-payment/alarm-registration.html>
- Recreation: <https://www.wtmorris.org/index.php/community/news/recreation-announcements>
- Tickets:
 - traffic tickets can be paid online at <https://www.wtmorris.org/index.php/departments/municipal-court.html>
 - other tickets without mandatory appearances can be paid over the phone by credit card by calling 908-876-3852

You may also call ahead to obtain payment amounts for taxes, permits, etc. and identifying info for the memo line if you wish to pay by check and leave it in the municipal building dropbox which will be checked frequently. Department contact phone numbers and email are available at:

<https://www.wtmorris.org/index.php/departments.html>

Please call or email if possible. Township staff will make every effort to provide any information you are looking for by phone, email or fax. Many documents and forms can also be found online at: <https://www.wtmorris.org/index.php/government/township-forms-and-documents>

Service requests can also be made online at: <https://wtmorris.net/>

Inspections will only be done for outdoor or unoccupied facilities. You will be asked, out of an abundance of caution, if anyone in your household or business has fever, cough or shortness of breath to schedule a date at least two weeks into the future. No indoor inspections of occupied structures will be conducted through March 27. To reschedule contact the appropriate department:

Construction (building, electrical, plumbing, mechanical): (908) 876-4711 construction@wtmorris.net

Fire Prevention: (908) 876-8637 fireinspection@wtmorris.net

Health (septics): (908) 876-3650 health@wtmorris.net

Tax Assessing: 908-876-9132 taxassessor@wtmorris.net

We are encouraging employees and the public to maintain six feet separation and decline to shake hands during in-person interactions.

Current information and updates, as they become available, can be found on the township website at

<https://www.wtmorris.org/index.php/community/news/health-announcement>

The New Jersey Poison Information and Education System (NJPIES) opened a COVID-19 Information Hotline to assist in answering questions from the general public. Residents should contact the call center at 1-800-222-1222 or, if in NJ but using a non-NJ cell phone, at 1-800-962-1253. The call center is available 24/7 and can accommodate calls in multiple languages. Clinicians should contact their local health department for guidance.

Additional information can also be found on NJ Department of Health's website at <https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/ncov.shtml> and the CDC website at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/index.html>

For more information, residents can also contact the Washington Township Health Department at 908-876-3650. The Health Department does not conduct COVID-19 lab testing.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. Murello", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mayor Matthew T. Murello