



# TOWNSHIP OF EDISON

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Since the beginning of this pandemic I have had the opportunity to witness the best our town has to offer. While our residents deemed “non-essential” for their jobs have either self-quarantined or maintained proper social distancing, so many others have been on the frontlines to protect and serve our families, our friends and our neighbors.

Police, Fire, DPW and essential town personnel protecting our streets, grocery store workers and school bus drivers and aides providing food and essentials, doctors and nurses and every hospital worker caring for our sick and our injured. All of these individuals and so many more have fought for our town during this international crisis.

I would like to thank you for all you have done to this point while also reiterating the message of Governor Murphy and our federal, state, county and local leaders: We still have a long way to go and we need to continue strictly adhering to the precautions in place.

Take steps to protect yourself:

- **Stay at home** -- except to get essentials like food and medicine.
- If you have to go out, **keep your distance** -- stay at least six feet away from others -- and **wear a cloth face covering**, or a surgical mask but not an N95 respirator as it is critical that these are available for first responders and healthcare professionals. This is especially important for people who are at higher risk of getting very sick.
- **Wash your hands** often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.

- If soap and water are not readily available, **use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol**. Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry.
- **Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth** with unwashed hands.
- **Avoid close contact** with people who are sick.
- **Stay home** if you are sick, except to get medical care. If you have a fever or cough, you might have COVID-19. Most people have mild illness and are able to recover at home. If you think you may have been exposed to COVID-19, contact your healthcare provider immediately.
- **Cover your mouth and nose** with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow.

Visit the CDC site here to learn more on how to protect yourself: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/prevention.html>

Working together, we will continue to do what's necessary to Flatten the Curve and get back to normal. COVID-19 has impacted so many in our community but I want to let you know that, although you may be socially isolated, you are definitely not alone. We will come through this. Together.