

Hello, this is Mayor John Coiro. I would like to provide you with an update regarding the corona virus. I am recording this message on the afternoon of Thursday March 19.

We have continued to stay in contact with State and County authorities on a daily basis regarding actions being taken at those levels, coordination with local towns, and protocols to follow. Our police chief, fire chief, first aid squad director, and town nurse have continued to be in frequent contact with each other and with the Public Safety Committee to discuss and coordinate our efforts.

The Council and I continue to have frequent communication with each other and with our department heads. The safety of our residents is of utmost importance. Therefore, beginning Friday, March 20, the Totowa Municipal Building will close to the public until further notice. Residents who need the assistance of one of our departments should call or email the respective department. Any payment should be made by mail or online. Beginning next week, there will be a lock box placed in the vestibule near the police desk to drop off payments. No cash will be accepted. This will be the only entrance to the municipal building. The Department of Public Works on Furler Street will also close on March 20 to the public until further notice. Pick up of recycling barrels is suspended. Drop off recycling center will remain open. Playgrounds and equipment will be closed until further notice. However, the walking path will remain accessible at the PAL. The Planning Board meeting scheduled for March 26 has been cancelled.

You can get much more information on State and County directives as well as information on municipal closures on our website at www.totowanj.org. Alternatively we just launched a facebook site under Borough of Totowa. Please contact us if you need assistance or have any questions. Any senior citizen who needs assistance can contact the Public Library as well.

This is a very fluid situation with changes occurring quickly. I will update you again as events warrant.

Thank you'