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Dear Residents and Businesses of Wall Township,

I hope this note finds you well in these unprecedented times. I cannot express enough the importance of diligent hygiene practices, hand washing, surface cleaning and social distancing as we move forward. Also, I would like to suggest you think of the need for yourself and your family to avoid emotional concerns by; making daily and weekly schedules, planning ahead for the simplest of events, shopping, walking and such. Children cope best when given schedules to work within. Help them make a plan and follow it. Please don't underestimate your need to keep mentally fit. TV and social media should be limited simply to your need to be safely informed. Hours and days listening to repeated facts and "what ifs" will not make this time any easier for you to endure.

As issues change hourly, the Township Committee found it necessary to close Town Hall to the public. This will help ensure we are not contributing to the spread of the virus. Employees will still be working and can assist you with most Township business via telephone and email. A drop box is available at the entrance of Town Hall if paperwork must be dropped off. Please keep in mind that there may be a delay in processing paperwork as a decontamination period may be required. Please follow up the deposit of all paperwork in the dropbox with a phone call or email to the appropriate department.

In Wall currently, we are aware of one person returning from out of State with a positive COVID-19 test result. Due to HIPAA regulations we cannot release this person's name or current quarantining location. Please be advised that the Regional Health Department is closely monitoring the situation and following all necessary protocols. I do know that they were not transported by Wall's EMS services nor was the Wall Police involved directly with the patient or family and the patient had no local exposure.

On Tuesday, I contacted our local supermarkets to determine what measures were being made to assist our most vulnerable population, the seniors. I am pleased to report that Shop-Rite stores in town will have at least one lane dedicated to customers over the age of 60. Acme has set aside the hours from 6AM through 8AM for senior shopping only. Please utilize these times and accommodations correctly and be courteous to our seniors. Both Shop-Rite and Acme mentioned they are hiring now so if you are out of work there is an opportunity there. Also, please note that many local businesses including supermarkets are offering online and delivery services. Please try to support our local business owners during this time while practicing these safe options of delivery or curb side pickup.

Our Parks continue to be open so please go for a walk or run, practice social distancing and avoid fixed structures such as playground equipment as they are not cleaned on a routine basis.

Thank you for your continued cooperation. Hopefully, things will head toward normal again soon.

Stay Well,

Mayor George Newberry