



## **Middletown Declares State of Local Disaster Emergency Due to COVID-19**



At the Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> Middletown Township Committee meeting, Mayor Tony Perry declared a State of Local Disaster Emergency within Middletown to help mitigate the evolving COVID-19 health situation.

“The health and safety of this community is our top priority,” said Mayor Perry. “It is crucial that we find ways to encourage fellow citizens to practice social distancing to help contain the spread of this disease. We are implementing these measures because it is imperative that our residents understand the gravity of the situation.”

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CORONAVIRUS, PLEASE VISIT  
**[WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/CORONAVIRUS.](http://WWW.MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/CORONAVIRUS)**

Please visit [www.middletonnj.org/coronavirus](http://www.middletonnj.org/coronavirus) for COVID-19 related updates, closures, cancellations and more.



## **Middletown Health Department Receives Confirmation of COVID-19 Case at Tomaso Towers**

The Middletown Township Department of Health and Social Services received confirmation that a resident of Tomaso Towers has tested positive for COVID-19, the novel coronavirus. The resident is currently

hospitalized. Any and all close contacts have been contacted directly by the Health Department.

There are currently three confirmed cases in Middletown. They will be continually monitored by local health officials and positive cases will be shared with the public. Information will be released as it becomes available, however this will be limited by privacy laws. Direct contact persons, organizations and place of work will be notified by health officials as they receive information from the patient.

**[CLICK HERE TO READ THE PRESS RELEASE.](#)**

## **COVID-19 Updates from the Governor's Office**

On Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, Governor Murphy signed [Executive Order 105](#) regarding upcoming elections against the backdrop of the State of Emergency in place because of the COVID-19 pandemic. To summarize:

- All March and April elections will be moved to Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. Petitions may still be filed in person if complete but going forward the petition process will be moved online. An online petition form will be set up online and the March 30 deadline will remain in place. The May elections will be conducted through Vote-By-Mail with VBM ballots automatically sent to all voters. More details are at [Elections.NJ.Gov](http://Elections.NJ.Gov)
- The June primary is not impacted, except for the petition process.
- **The Governor also announced the closure of personal care businesses at 8:00 PM tonight, such as barbershops, hair salons, nail salons, tattoo parlors and massage parlors.**

Click [HERE](#) to read Governor Murphys' Executive Order 104.

**Middletown Launches “Takeout Thursdays” to Promote  
Small Businesses During Challenging Time**



# TAKEOUT THURSDAYS



Please help support our local businesses by purchasing takeout/delivery and purchasing gift cards for future services.

**#TakeoutThursday #MadeinMiddletown #MiddletownNJ**

On Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, Mayor Tony Perry and the Middletown Township Committee announced the town's new initiative "Takeout Thursdays" to help promote small businesses that are being adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Beginning Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, the Township Committee is encouraging residents to support local businesses and their employees by ordering takeout food from restaurants or by purchasing gift cards for services or goods that can be used at a later date, such as meals, haircuts, car washes and more.

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**Middletown Recycling Center Open For Residents  
On Weekends Only**

## Middletown Recycling Center 52 Kanes Lane



Due to precaution against the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the Middletown Recycling Center will be open on WEEKENDS ONLY for RESIDENTS ONLY. The Recycling Center will be closed Monday through Friday.

- Landscapers are not permitted to dispose of brush or leaves until further notice.
- Recycling Center employees will not be able to assist residents with unloading recyclables at this time to prevent transmission of the disease.
- The Recycling Center will not be able to accept payment for disposal of appliances, tires, etc. at this time, therefore disposal of these items is suspended at this time.
- Per the CDC, anyone exhibiting signs of coronavirus infection (fever, cough or shortness of breath), should not visit the Recycling Center.

*Thank you for your cooperation as we all try to remain healthy.*

## Register Now for Township Emergency Alerts

Please ensure that you OPT IN to the Township's emergency communications platform to receive real-time emergency alerts regarding public health and safety, traffic detours and severe weather by texting MiddletownNJ to 888-777.

Visit [www.middletownnj.org/nixle](http://www.middletownnj.org/nixle) to register via email.



We strongly encourage each and every resident to register for Township emergency alerts. In the event that something needs to be communicated quickly, including any emergency information about COVID-19, we need to be able to reach you. Please register for alerts by texting MiddletownNJ to 888-777.

Please share to ensure that everyone is aware!



NJ 211 has been activated to assist with handling COVID-19 calls from NJ residents. Residents can also text NJCOVID to 898-211 to receive information and stay informed. To receive live text assistance, residents can text their zip code to 898-211.



## MIDDLETOWN RECREATION COVID-19 UPDATE

**Event Cancellations:**

- Poricy Park:
  - Community Science at Poricy Park - 3/21
- Senior Center:
  - "Chicago" at HSN - 3/20
  - "Mama Mia" at HSS - 3/25
  - Trip to Resorts Casino - 3/27
- Special Events:
  - Easter EGGstravaganza - 4/4

**Program Cancellations:**  
All programs have been canceled until further notice.

**Park & Field Updates:**

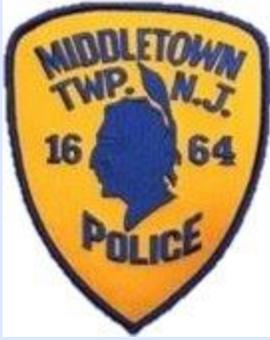
- Until further notice:
  - All play structures/playgrounds are closed.
  - Fields and courts are closed to any organized or unorganized team play, practices, or training.
  - All permits have been canceled and lights have been turned off..

**Continue to practice safe social distancing.**

For the most up-to-date information regarding Township related closures and event cancellations, visit: [www.middletownnj.org/coronavirus](http://www.middletownnj.org/coronavirus)

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**Message from the Middletown Township Police  
Department: Protect Yourself from Coronavirus  
Cyber & Phone Scams**



The Middletown Township Police Department warns residents to remain vigilant in watching out for email and phone scams related to Coronavirus (COVID-19).

Please exercise caution when handling any emails with a COVID-19-related subject lines, attachments, links and be wary of fake prompts from social media, texts or calls being used as a ruse to take your money or get personal information.

A few tips:

- Avoid clicking on links in unsolicited emails and be wary of email attachments.
- Get updates from trusted sources such as the [Centers for Disease Control](#) and the [New Jersey Department of Health](#).
- Do not reveal personal or financial information in email, and do not respond to solicitations for this information.
- For a list of risky websites, [read this Forbes article](#).

Visit these two sites for additional information:

- <https://www.us-cert.gov/ncas/current-activity/2020/03/06/defending-against-covid-19-cyber-scams>
- <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/blog/2020/02/coronavirus-scammers-follow-headlines>

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