

County Government Offices Still Operating For Public

9-1-1 Dispatchers On The Job

While much of the Hunterdon County workforce is working rotating schedules or offsite, as directed by Governor Murphy's executive orders, the County's Health Department, Office of Emergency Management (OEM), Sheriff and Corrections Officers, Park Rangers, and 9-1-1 operation continue to serve the public every day, Freeholder Board Director Shaun C. Van Doren reported during a recent public health emergency conference call with the County's Mayors.

While County offices have been closed to the public, the Freeholders have ensured that all County Departments are functioning and available. To find out how to contact the various offices visit:

<http://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/covid19-countyoperations.html>

Van Doren has been conducting periodic calls with the County's Mayors to provide updates on the activities of the Department of Health and OEM and to offer assistance to municipal governments where needed.

Both Flemington Boro Mayor Betsy Driver and Glen Gardner Boro Mayor Mattias Schroeter thanked Van Doren for holding the calls. Milford Boro Mayor Henry Schepens said "the calls are very informative."

To keep the public informed of COVID-19 cases in the County, the Health Department is providing a daily report on the number of positive cases by town, at the following county website address:

<http://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/Coronavirus/casecountbymunicipality.pdf>

Van Doren reported, "To assist local health care providers and first responders, the County's Health Department and OEM have provided more than 70,100 protective items to Hunterdon County first responders, Hunterdon Healthcare, nursing homes, care centers, and medical providers since February."

Van Doren last week also directed OEM to request 5000 test kits from FEMA in support of a request made by Hunterdon Healthcare. The Freeholder Director, on the behalf of the Board, also called on the County's federal officials to push FEMA to meet the Hunterdon County request for tests and personal protective equipment.

"I am extremely proud of the entire County workforce that has stepped up to help during the COVID-19 emergency. The public should be following the Governor's directives to not gather, practice social distancing and to stay home and not travel, unless it is absolutely necessary," Van Doren concluded.