



BRISTOL TOWNSHIP

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Bristol Township Municipal Building Closed; Meetings and Events Cancelled Until March 30, 2020

BRISTOL, PENNSYLVANIA - The health of our staff, and the well-being of the community is our top priority. In keeping with Governor Wolf's guidance regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19), the following are in effect as of March 16, 2020:

- All Emergency Services are operational. **Please be assured** that all emergency services, including police, fire, and EMS services, will continue to run without interruption. In the event of an emergency, please dial 911.
- All Bristol Township facilities are CLOSED to the public for two weeks, effective immediately, through March 29, 2020. Additionally, all programs and scheduled meetings, including the Township Council meeting scheduled for March 19, are CANCELLED. Unless other notice is given, the Township plans to reopen the building and general services on Monday, March 30, 2020.
- The Township installed a drop box at the front of the Administration Building for tax and sewer payments. This is now operational. ***Checks and money orders only.*** Payments will be receipted during the business day they are received, or the next business day if after hours.

Bristol Township appreciates your patience and assistance while we gather updated information daily. The above may change and we will continually post updates on all of our social media platforms (Township Facebook page, website and Community Access Channels (Comcast Channel 22 and Verizon Channel 45)).

Bristol Township encourages all members of the community to stay safe and follow the best practices to avoid infection. These practices include the points below:

- Wash your hands frequently using soap and water, especially before eating and after coughing, sneezing, or blowing your nose.
- Avoid touching your face with unwashed hands.
- Use hand sanitizer if you are unable to wash with soap and water.
- Use household cleaning spray or disinfectant wipes to regularly clean surfaces and objects that are frequently used or touched.
- Stay home if you are sick.
- Maintain a safe distance of six (6) feet when speaking or meeting with others.

To keep up to date with important information regarding COVID-19, please see the following resources:

World Health Organization (WHO)

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC)

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/summary.html>

Pennsylvania Department of Health Media Page

<https://www.media.pa.gov/Pages/Health.aspx>

Bucks County Health Department

<http://www.buckscounty.org/government/healthservices/HealthDepartment/CoronavirusInfo>

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DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on or about March 16, 2020 a Coronavirus Pandemic known as COVID-19 has or threatens to endanger the health, safety and welfare of the residents and first responders of Bristol Township; and

WHEREAS, the Pandemic threatens to create problems greater in scope than Bristol Township may be able to resolve; and

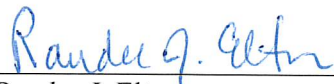
WHEREAS, emergency management measures may be required to reduce the severity of this disaster and to protect the health, safety and welfare of affected residents and first responders in Bristol Township;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, the undersigned Chief Executive of Bristol Township, pursuant to the provisions of Section 7501 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code, (35 PA C.S., Section 7501), as amended, do hereby declare the existence of a disaster emergency in Bristol Township.

FURTHER, I direct the Bristol Township Emergency Management Director or his representative to coordinate the activities of the emergency response, to take all appropriate action needed to alleviate the effects of this disaster, to aid in the restoration of essential public services, and to take any other emergency response action deemed necessary to respond to this emergency.

STILL FURTHER, I authorize officials of Bristol Township to act as necessary to meet the current exigencies of this emergency, namely: by the employment of temporary workers, by the rental of equipment, by the purchase of supplies and materials, and by entering into such contracts and agreements for the performance of public work as may be required to meet the emergency, all without regard to those time-consuming procedures and formalities normally prescribed by law, mandatory constitutional requirements excepted.

This Declaration shall be in affect from 10:00am Monday March 16, 2020, through 11:59pm Sunday March 29, 2020.



Randee J. Elton
Township Manager