



# COUNTY OF MERCER

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE

## COUNTY OF MERCER EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-01

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**WHEREAS**, on March 9, 2020, pursuant to Executive Order No. 103, the Governor of the State of New Jersey has declared the concurrent invocation of both a State of Emergency pursuant to N.J.S.A. App.A.:9-33 *et seq.* and a Public Health Emergency as contemplated by N.J.S.A. 26:13-1 *et seq.*, which action invoked the authority and powers contemplated by N.J.S.A. 26:13, the Emergency Health Powers Act, with respect to the outbreak of the Coronavirus (COVID-19); and

**WHEREAS**, Mercer County is working with federal, state and local officials and authorities on a daily basis on prevention and mitigation activities that include providing critical information to the public about COVID-19 to provide facts and avoid unnecessary fear, training emergency responders and health professionals about the disease and investigating suspected, presumptive and confirmed cases; and

**WHEREAS**, Mercer County currently provides the services of Health Officer to three (3) of the twelve (12) municipalities that comprise the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) has determined that COVID-19 generally presents a low risk to children but seniors, particularly those with underlying chronic medical conditions, are at high risk of serious illness from the disease; and

**WHEREAS**, one of Mercer County's priorities as part of the County's preparedness and response planning is to get critical services to those areas where the most vulnerable populations are located and provide vital resources for the support and care of vulnerable populations prior to, during and following an emergency, and;


**WHEREAS**, the County may be required to acquire goods and services that may not be currently available in the County's product inventory or from vendors with whom the County currently has a contracted relationship in order to protect and maintain the health, safety, and welfare of New Jersey residents and visitors, and successfully combat the impact of the virus; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40:41A-36 *et seq.*, and Section 2.04.030 of the Mercer County Administrative Code empower the County Executive to declare a County State of Emergency;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN M. HUGHES**, County Executive of Mercer County, a body politic of the State of New Jersey, in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the people of the County of Mercer, **DO DECLARE AND PROCLAIM** that a State of Emergency presently exists throughout the County, and I hereby **ORDER AND DIRECT** the following:

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- 1) The above recitals are incorporated herein as if more fully set forth at length.
- 2) A health emergency hereby exists within Mercer County regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19).
- 3) All necessary County agencies are authorized to take appropriate action to assist municipal governments in containing, preparing for, responding to, and recovering from this COVID-19 outbreak.
- 4) All County departments, employees and agencies shall immediately implement any and all infectious disease guidelines and protocol as outlined by the CDC, and as consistent with the Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 1395dd.
- 5) There is an immediate ban on all out of state business-related travel for County employees.
- 6) It is recommended that there be a cancellation of all scheduled public gatherings of more than 250 individuals throughout the County, including concerts, events and parades.
- 7) The County Health Officer shall implement any emergency regulations or amendments to any sanitary or health codes of the municipalities in the County in which services are provided by the Health Officer, and recommend same to the remaining municipalities.
- 8) I strongly encourage the cooperation of all local health officials with the County Health Officer to share information to the degree and extent possible and permitted in order to effectively combat the spread of COVID-19.
- 9) This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until such time as it is determined by me that an emergency no longer exists.
- 10) A copy of this Executive Order shall be immediately transmitted to the Mercer County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

  
**BRIAN M. HUGHES**  
**MERCER COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

Dated: March 12, 2020

ATTEST

  
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