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An Update from Mayor Joanne Minichetti:

Thank you to everyone who is doing their part to help contain the Coronavirus by staying home and cooperating with Governor Murphy's orders. Health professionals and government leaders continue to emphasize that social distancing is the key to curtailing this outbreak. None of us have ever experienced anything like this before, and although difficult, everyone's compliance is vital and much appreciated.

NJ Attorney General Gurbir Grewal has indicated that those not following the order will be hit with charges – especially bars that are open, large house parties and social gatherings such as weddings that are taking place in spite of the order. Copies of the Executive Orders can be found on the Borough website, www.usrtday.org.

Thank you to our physicians, nurses, emergency responders and health workers who are on the front lines every day to help us through this. They deserve not only our admiration but also our cooperation. Area hospitals and testing centers are working with limited supplies. Reducing the number of those needing medical care at the same time is absolutely critical.

Our school administrators and teachers have done an outstanding job in setting up in-home instruction for students. Parents everywhere now have added respect for educators I am sure. Kudos to the parents who are juggling the realities of working from home plus their children's in-home schooling while trying to keep everyone healthy, fed and entertained.

A few reminders: Borough Hall is staffed but closed to foot traffic. Call 201-327-2196 with questions and every effort will be made to address requests. Email addresses for each department are available on our website as well. If it is determined that it is absolutely necessary for you to come in, an appointment will be made. This is in place to continue to be able to assist our residents.

Regrettably, all of our parks, basketball and tennis courts and playgrounds are closed. This is due to restrictions put upon us by the state and our insurance group.

Garbage and recycling are still being picked up per the normal schedule. If your regular pickup is missed, call Borough Hall at 201-327-2196. You can leave a voice message with your address, or email info@usrtday.org. Service may take longer than usual but it is ongoing as it's a public health matter. **For the immediate future the Recycling Depot is closed.**

Law enforcement is warning of Coronavirus related scams and misinformation being spread on social media. Instances of price gouging or scams due to the Coronavirus should be referred to the Police Department. I urge everyone to register with SwiftReach 911 on the Borough's website, www.usrtday.org, follow Borough of Upper Saddle River on Facebook and Upper Saddle River on Twitter for accurate information and resources.

Important links are available on our website at <https://www.usrtoday.org/2020/03/09/coronavirus-information/>. These sites offer accurate and timely information on a variety of topics related to the Coronavirus and are updated routinely. See below:

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

State of NJ - <https://covid19.nj.gov/>

Bergen County Health Department -

<https://www.co.bergen.nj.us/health-promotion/2019-novel-corona-virus>

The NJ Poison Control Center and 211 have partnered with the State to provide information to the public on COVID-19:

Call: 2-1-1

Call (24/7): 1-800-962-1253

Call (BCDHS Health & Safety Hotline): 201-225-7000 (after hours and weekends: 201-785-8505)

Text: NJCOVID to 898-211

We have a wonderful community in Upper Saddle River. Let's all do our share and support each other. Stay well and thank you again for your cooperation,

Mayor Joanne Minichetti