



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
BOROUGH OF FORT LEE
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**FORT LEE COVID-19 UPDATE WITH NEW CLOSURES AND
TOWN HALL TELECONFERENCE SCHEDULED FOR TONIGHT**

****** Mayor Mark Sokolich and the COVID-19 Taskforce have scheduled a second
Town Hall Teleconference for THIS EVENING, Monday 3/16, at 7PM.
All residents are encouraged to call-in to (267) 833-0503, Access Code 7714# ******

As everyone is aware, the COVID-19 virus continues to spread at a very high rate and by all expert accounts, the number of those individuals contracting the virus will increase substantially. In order to stem the spread of this highly contagious, aggressive virus, the Borough of Fort Lee, effective 12:00 Noon today, March 16, 2020, will continue to staff all Municipal departments with essential employees; however, the public will not be permitted access to the following Municipal buildings:

**Fort Lee Borough Hall, 309 Main Street
Fort Lee Police Department, 1327 16th Street
Fort Lee Building Department & Fire Prevention Bureau, 1365 Inwood Terrace**

In addition, all bus service provided by the Fort Lee Parking Authority (shuttle service to Edgewater ferry, Senior Citizen medical transport, etc.) is likewise suspended for a period of 14 days. This suspension includes transport of Fort Lee Senior Citizens to their regularly scheduled, non-emergent medical appointments. Any one experiencing symptoms or in need of emergency transport are directed to dial 911 for appropriate response.

All residents will be required to conduct Borough business remotely by way of telephone or through our website (www.fortleenj.org) where most municipal business may be conducted online. These partial closures are in addition to the decisive steps already implemented here in the Borough of Fort Lee which include closure of the Fort Lee Public School System (and all school playgrounds and facilities) the Fort Lee Public Library (and all Library activities), Fort Lee Recreation Department (inclusive of youth sports and parks) and the Fort Lee Senior Citizen Center, which will all remain closed for a period of 14 days. Please be advised that the 14-day closure period will be reviewed on a regular basis and may be extended based on ongoing developments with the COVID-19 public health crisis.

As additional developments with the COVID-19 health crisis occur, the Borough of Fort Lee will take further appropriate steps to stem its spread and protect the health, safety and welfare of all residents. The Fort Lee

COVID-19 Taskforce expects further directives from the County of Bergen and State of New Jersey. As those directives are received, our COVID-19 Taskforce will respond accordingly.

Everyone in the Borough MUST remain vigilant and regularly review all public notices on the following websites:

www.fortleenj.org

www.nj.gov/health

www.cdc.gov

All Fort Lee residents are strongly encouraged to immediately sign up for the Borough's emergency text notification system known as NIXLE. You may register by simply texting (07024 to 888-777). Participation in NIXLE in light of the COVID-19 public health crisis is imperative to ensure proper and timely communication to all of its residents.

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