Yesterday Governor Murphy issued an Executive Order that directs residents to stay at home unless they are obtaining essential goods and services, such as groceries, take-out food, medical attention, or visiting family or close friends, reporting to work in those situations permitted in the Order, or in engaging in outdoor activities. We urge you to read the attached County Memorandum summarizing the Governor’s Order and the Governor’s Executive Order that we have placed on this web site. All residents must comply with the measures set forth in that Executive Order.

In light of the direction we have received from the Governor, the Borough will also be closing the Avon School, the Beach and Volunteer Park playgrounds. At this time, we will not be closing the Beach or the Boardwalk. Under the Governor’s Order, residents can engage in outdoor activities and we encourage them to do so. However, they should maintain the required social distance of at least 6 feet unless the other individual is an immediate family member, caregiver, household member or romantic partner. People should not be gathering in groups at the beach, on the boardwalk or anywhere else.

As set forth in our March 20, 2020 Emergency Declaration, all closures of Borough facilities will remain in effect until further notice and the Borough offices are closed to visitors. However, a drop box is located in the lobby for paperwork to be dropped off. We recommend sending all paperwork and payments via mail when possible. In order to protect our Public Works staff, residents should double bag their trash. At this time, trash and recycling pickup will continue, but residents must follow the instructions that Public Works Superintendent Hauselt has posted on the web site, including double bagging the trash and not leaving out bulk items such as furniture and appliances that would require two workers to load. For recycling, while we will continue pick-ups at this time, we urge residents whenever possible, to bring their recycling to the Recycling Center as the unbagged recycling (which is required for recycling) can create an exposure risk for the workers.

We realize that the measures we have been forced to take to control the spread of COVID 19 place a real burden on everyone, but as the virus spreads throughout our State and to the communities surrounding us, it is vital that we follow the Orders of our Federal, State, County and local officials. Just as our community worked together and came back even stronger at the time of Superstorm Sandy, we will face this challenge as well.

For updates, check the Borough web site or call the Borough office if you have any questions

Very truly yours,

Edward Bonanno, Mayor

John Magrini, Commissioner

Robert Mahon, Commissioner