

## COVID-19 – COMMUNITY UPDATE

On behalf of the Council, Administration, Emergency Responders, Board of Health and OEM, I want to thank our community for coming together and working as one during these unprecedented times. Our residents are undoubtedly rising to the tests being presented. The strength of our community is more present than ever. Thank you all!

I also wanted to take this opportunity to provide you with an update on what is going on in the Borough:

1. **BOROUGH OPERATIONS** – The municipal building remains closed to the public. However, Borough staff is still working both in the building and remotely. Please call or email the Borough if you have an issue or concern that needs to be addressed. We ask for your patience in responding to you due to the current working situation.

2. **EMERGENCY SERVICES** – Our First Aid, Police and Fire continue to provide excellent service to our town. Each first responder has gone above and beyond the call of duty. At this time our emergency responders are looking for any Personal Protective Equipment you may have (e.g. N95 respirators, face shields, gowns and gloves). If you can donate any of these items, please contact Captain Jeannie Lambertti at (908) 902-1873.

3. **DPW** – In order to protect the safety of our employees and the public, the yard will remain closed. Curbside garbage and recycling pickup continues. Also, our DPW will be working in reduced shifts. We anticipated beginning brush pick up this coming week. Due to our crews being reduced in size, the pickup will take longer than normal. We ask your patience.

4. **CIVIC READY** – If you have not already done so, sign up for our community emergency notification service. The link is here <https://www.shrewsburyboro.com/snj/CivicReady/> [top](#)

5. **PARKS** – All Shrewsbury parks are closed with the exception of passive recreation (e.g. walking the track at Manson). In compliance with Governor Murphy’s Executive Orders regarding social distancing, baseball fields, basketball courts, tennis courts and playgrounds are closed.

6. **AT-RISK RESIDENT VOLUNTEER PROGRAM** – The Borough has rolled out a program to provide assistance to At-Risk Residents. Through this program volunteers are “matched” with residents who need assistance. Protocols are provided to both the resident at need and volunteer to ensure their safety. If you need assistance or wish to volunteer, please contact Council President Eulner at [kdoraneulner@shrewsburyboro.com](mailto:kdoraneulner@shrewsburyboro.com).

7. **LOCAL BUSINESSES** – To the extent you can, please support our local businesses. They have supported our community over the years, now is our time to say thank you. A list of businesses providing take-out and delivery services can be found here...  
<https://www.shrewsburyboro.com/.../Come%20Together%20and%20Su...>

8. SMALL BUSINESS RESOURCES - The state and federal government are rolling out various programs to support local businesses. Check out [www.njeda.com](http://www.njeda.com) or [www.sba.gov](http://www.sba.gov).

While it has been repeated over and over, it cannot be said enough – make sure you are practicing social distancing. This is how we flatten the curve.

Also, if you believe you are experiencing Covid-19 symptoms, do not go to the hospital or primary doctor first. Instead, call your primary doctor who will then give you instructions on what to do. If there is a medical emergency and you call 911, you must report whether you are experiencing any of the Covid-19 symptoms so that our first responders can take appropriate precautions.

Again, THANK YOU ALL for doing your part to combat the spread of Covid-19. Together we will beat this disease.

Stay safe and be well.

Mayor & Council