



Township of South Orange Village
Office of Emergency Management



PROCLAMATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY
TO ALL CITIZENS AND PERSONS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF
SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE AND TO ALL DEPARTMENTS, DIVISIONS AND
BUREAUS OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE:

To all the citizens and persons within the municipality of the Township of South Orange Village, New Jersey, and to all departments, divisions and bureaus of the municipal government of the Township of South Orange Village, New Jersey:

WHEREAS, pursuant to the powers vested in me by Executive Order 103, Emergency Management Act, New Jersey O.E.M. Directives, Chapter 9 of Appendix A of the Revised Statutes, App. A:9-33 et seq and by ordinances adopted by the Township of South Orange Village (and such other law, laws, regulations and ordinances that apply), I have declared that a STATE OF EMERGENCY exists within the Township of South Orange Village; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid laws authorize the promulgation of such orders, rules, and regulations as are necessary to meet the various problems which have or may be presented by such an emergency; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19, a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death, is a new strain of coronavirus that is spread from person to person; and

WHEREAS, by reason of the rapidly evolving outbreak of the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, the need for government operations to address staffing capabilities to ensure essential operational needs are met in order to mitigate factors which may further adversely affect the health, safety, and welfare of the people of the Township of South Orange Village and exacerbate and worsen existing conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control identifies the potential public health threat posed by COVID-19 in the United States as “high”, and has advised that person-to-person spread of COVID-19 will continue to occur within the United States; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has officially declared the outbreak of COVID-19, a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that these areas of the Township of South Orange Village should be declared disaster areas, and further that certain measures must be taken to ensure that the authorities will be unhampered in their efforts to maintain law and order as well as an orderly flow of traffic and further in order to protect the persons and property of the residents affected by the conditions and finally that governmental operations including but not limited to the conduct of public meetings shall be substantially altered; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy has recommended the cancellation of all public gatherings of 250+ people, including parades, concerts, and sporting events. The Village is following this recommendation and going further to strongly suggest any event with expected attendance of over 50 people be cancelled; and



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WHEREAS, as recited in Executive Order 103, the Local Public Contracting Law, N.J.S.A. 52:34-6 et seq., provides a public exigency exemption, N.J.S.A. 52:34-10(b), that in the event of a threat to the life, health, or safety to the public, advertised bidding is not required to obtain those goods and services necessary to address the public exigency; and

WHEREAS, all lands within the boundaries of the Township of South Orange Village are hereby designated as disaster areas;

NOW, THEREFORE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH the aforesaid laws, we do hereby declare a state of emergency, effective at 6:00 PM on this 13th day of March, 2020. Further regulation shall follow.

Sheena C. Collum
Village President

3/13/2020 / 6:00 PM
Date/Time

Scott Egelberg
Village OEM Coordinator