MEMORANDUM

To: All County Employees
From: Brian M. Hughes, County Executive
Date: March 16, 2020
Re: CLOSURE OF MERCER COUNTY FACILITIES

I have ordered the closure of all county-run facilities, except for essential functions, beginning at the close of business today, March 16, and until further notice, due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) public health crisis.

The purpose of this action is to reduce the movement of people in county buildings for the health and safety of our employees and the public with whom they interact.

Facilities to close include the McDade Administration Building, 640 South Broad St.; Office of the County Clerk, 209 South Broad St.; Board of Social Services, 200 Woolverton St.; One-Stop Career Center, 26 Yard Ave.; Cooperative Extension of Mercer County, 1440 Parkside Ave., Ewing; Mercer County Connection, Route 33 at Paxson Avenue, Hamilton; all branches of the Mercer County Library System; Mercer County Improvement Authority, 80 Hamilton Ave.; CURE Insurance Arena, 81 Hamilton Ave.; and Arm & Hammer Park, 1 Thunder Road.

All Mercer County Park Commission facilities will close but open spaces will remain open for passive recreation. Park Rangers will continue to patrol the parks.

The following county facilities and buildings will remain open: Correction Center, Sheriff’s Office and Emergency Services Communications Center. The Criminal and Civil Courthouses will be open only for emergency court proceedings, and the Office of the Surrogate will be open only for cases deemed emergent.

Trenton-Mercer Airport is a public-use facility and the Federal Aviation Administration requires it to be open to accommodate medivac, military and state police operations. The FAA has not yet placed limitations on commercial travel or general aviation. Should that situation change, the passenger terminal could be shut down.

Other essential services that will continue to be provided include TRADE (Transportation Resources to Aid the Disadvantaged and Elderly), which will suspend transportation for shopping but continue service for medical appointments, including dialysis, and meal delivery; emergency roadway operations and other functions deemed essential.