



March 19, 2020

Dear Elizabeth Community Member:

The health, safety and well-being of all Elizabeth's residents and our school community's students, team members and families are a top priority for us. The following are new updates for our residents as promised regarding the COVID-19 virus.

- The Elizabeth Public Schools are closed until further notice. All school buildings are locked to the public.
- Our E-Remote home learning platform is now accessible through the district website.
- Students, parents and teachers should visit the district website [epsnj.org](https://www.epsnj.org) to find needed information. All communications with our team members and parents will be through our online platform. District phones will not be used; please do not call your schools.
- Elizabeth Public Schools is offering a Grab and Go program from Monday through Friday, during this time of school closure. You may pick up a breakfast and lunch package for your child from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. You must qualify for free and reduced lunch to receive a package. Please be advised that this is subject to availability. For pickup location information, please visit <https://www.epsnj.org/Page/4074>
- There are two new positive residential cases in Elizabeth, bringing our total to five. They are all self-quarantined at home.
- All Recreation & Senior Centers as well as playgrounds are closed until further notice.
- Elizabeth City Hall is open its regular hours of 9 a.m.-- 4 p.m.
- Police, fire and similar emergency services are operating at or above typical levels.
- Non-essential and non-emergency travel in New Jersey is strongly discouraged between the hours of 8:00 PM AND 5:00 AM. Essential businesses like supermarkets, pharmacies, medical offices, and gas stations – may remain open past 8:00 PM.

We are in daily contact with federal, state and county officials to keep you informed and our services in place.

The only official sources for Elizabeth-specific information are Mayor J. Christian Bollwage and the Superintendent of Schools, Olga Hugelmeyer. Official information will also be posted on the city's website: www.elizabethnj.org (under news and announcements on the homepage) and the school's website: www.epsnj.org and/or their related social media accounts:

City of Elizabeth

Facebook: @CityOfElizabethNJCityHall

@MayorBollwage

Twitter: @MayorBollwage

@CityofElizabeth

Instagram: @CityofElizabeth / @MayorBollwage

Elizabeth Public Schools

Facebook: @epsnj

Twitter: @epsBOARD

Instagram: @elizabethpublicschools

The State Department of Health has established a 24-hour hotline staffed by healthcare professionals to answer questions about COVID-19. It can accommodate callers in multiple languages. The number is: 800-222-1222.

We will continue to keep you updated.

Sincerely,

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J. Christian Bollwage
Mayor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Olga Hugelmeyer". The signature is cursive and includes a long, horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Olga Hugelmeyer
Superintendent of Schools