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**Adrian O. Mapp**  
Mayor

## From the Mayor's Office

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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I promised to keep you updated on the latest developments with the COVID-19 virus, to that end, it's with a heavy heart I share that Plainfield has its first confirmed case of the coronavirus.

While we anticipated that it was only a matter of time before it crossed our borders, it is still a very sobering moment. I implore everyone to take the utmost precaution to protect yourselves and to halt the spread of the virus. We are in close contact with the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) to monitor the situation. As long as we continue to practice good hygiene, we remain the best defense against COVID -19.

The most effective way to combat infection is to limit social gatherings as much as possible, wash your hands frequently, and use a sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol content. We have the advantage of seeing what has happened in other places when people were slow to take precautionary measures. However, we feel confident that we are taking all the precautions necessary to protect everyone in Plainfield.

Today I issued an Executive Order which mandates the closing of all bars, restaurants and retail liquor establishments at 8PM. Moving forward restaurants will be opened for take-out, delivery, or drive through dining. The mandates of my executive order are consistent with the one issued by Governor Murphy. These are necessary measures to ensure the safety, health and well-being of our community.

We have taken steps to keep City Hall running while trying to keep you and our employees healthy. There is now a modified work week in effect and we are asking if at all possible that you complete your business online. Please call before coming into City Hall and we will try to accommodate your request remotely. We want you to "skip the trip" as far as possible. With that being said, we are committed to you, and we will work hard to ensure that no efficiency is sacrificed.

We are all in this together and we pledge to do all that is required to keep our city healthy and safe.

Sincerely,

Adrian O. Mapp, Mayor