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Dear Chatham Borough Residents:

The situation with the COVID-19 virus is evolving rapidly.

After discussing the matter carefully with members of the Coronavirus Task Force, I have decided to issue an order closing all parks and athletic fields within the Borough effective immediately and until further notice. While our parks and fields are a great asset in normal times, unfortunately they are also a place where people continue to congregate in close, large groups and have close physical contact.

While no official directives have been made regarding other gatherings, I would like to urge all residents to take seriously the prescription laid out by health officials for social distancing. For more information, we urge you to follow reliable sources including the NJ Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control, as well as our own Health Department (which is the Westfield Regional Health Department). Here are their links:

https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/ncov.shtml https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html https://www.westfieldnj.gov/coronavirus

On Monday I will be issuing a statement (including further guidelines) on various matters pertaining to the current state of emergency in Chatham Borough.

Feel free to contact me at any time on this or any other matter pertaining to the Borough. And please stay well.

Sincerely,

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