

Following is the transcript of the Mayor Rae's Public Service Announcement today,
March 21st, 12:30 PM

Dear Long Hill Residents,

Governor Murphy is holding a press conference at 1 pm today. While we do not know the precise subject matter of his address, we believe it will be significant announcement so please do your best to watch it.

Reliable information in amounts we can “digest” is a key essential as we navigate our way through the twists and turns of this crisis. The COVID 19 Task Force, here, in Long Hill, is dedicated to bringing you the most relevant and accurate news and information in the most concise fashion.

Please visit the Long Hill Township webpage at www.longhillnj.gov and click on the COVID 19 page. You can trust everything you read that is posted there. It has been vetted and is all from official sources.

And this brings me to an important point for all of us. We have been informed that this time of national emergency we are the subject of a malicious misinformation campaign to cause panic and unrest in the United States. Please do not post on your social media any information that you haven't verified and know is from a trusted first hand source. Please think carefully about the effect of what you post on social media.

Even in this time of national emergency, criminals are doing their best to take advantage of us and exploit the situation. Please beware of COVID-19 email/social media-based phishing scams. Be careful when you open links or attachment, these can take you to malicious websites or deliver malware, reveal sensitive information, or cause you to donate to fraudulent causes.

Beating this pandemic in the shortest possible amount of time and getting back to normality is our first and foremost priority. Rest assured that precious normality will once again prevail. It's just a question of how long we take to get it. As I've said before, heroic action is not required to achieve this goal in the quickest amount of time, but concerted action is.

The report of our first confirmed case of COVID-19 in Long Hill should not be a cause of fear or panic. It will not be our last. The report should, however, steel our resolve and redouble our efforts to beat this pandemic by strictly following these simple steps:

1. Keep everyone outside your 6 feet safety zone no matter where you are
2. Keep social interactions to as small a number as possible
3. Wash my hands thoroughly and often
4. Disinfect high touch surfaces frequently

Our Physical Distancing is Social Solidarity and the only way we will beat this pandemic.

Stay safe and healthy. Thank you.