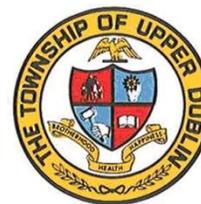




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Date: Thursday, March 19, 2020  
To: Township Residents  
From: Ira S. Tackel  
President, Board of Commissioners  
Re: COVID-19 Public Health Update

On behalf of the Board of Commissioners and every Township employee and volunteer, it is important for you to know that nothing means more than your health and safety as we all confront this global public health crisis. We deeply appreciate the efforts of our citizens to follow the guidance of County, State and Federal medical experts to stop the spread of COVID-19. There is no minimizing the significant disruptions to our daily lives. Still, we resolve that we will continue to work diligently with all our partners so we can be as well prepared as any community to face head on the formidable challenges and then forge ahead into a brighter future. Part of our emergency response effort is to support the vitally important work to help bridge the virus testing gap. In this regard, you may be aware that Montgomery County, along with its state and federal partners, has made considerable progress to increase the availability of COVID-19 testing and this includes identifying - for specimen collection only - a temporary drive-thru location on the grounds of the Temple University Ambler Campus on Meetinghouse Road. The County this afternoon has announced and posted to its website operational details for this limited-capacity, appointment-only site. We encourage you to review that announcement and other valuable related resources (see below). From the Township's perspective, we would also underscore the following:

- When operational, the site will become one of the more than dozen Philadelphia-area temporary ambulatory specimen-collection sites and among hundreds nationally that are crucial to ensuring the health and safety of our healthcare professionals, first responders and citizens.
- Drive-up specimen collection (nasal swabs performed by licensed medical professionals wearing personal protective equipment) will be provided to only those with scheduled visits presenting medical authorization (think of it as a prescription), starting with healthcare personnel and first responders.
- Medical staff from the Montgomery County Department of Health will supervise the site, with additional support from the Federal agencies and the Commonwealth (including the Department of Health and the Pennsylvania National Guard).
- Our police will provide traffic management as needed.

On behalf of our Board, thank you again for your support during this public health emergency and please do not hesitate to contact Paul Leonard, our Township Manager at [pleonard@upperdublin.net](mailto:pleonard@upperdublin.net), 215-643-8848 (direct line), or any member of the Board with any questions or concerns. All contact information can be found on the Township website.

Please, for your safety and that of our community, including our healthcare workers and other first responders stay home unless it is absolutely necessary:

**STAY HOME. STAY INFORMED. STAY SAFE.**

Additional coronavirus information resources include:

[www.pahealth.gov](http://www.pahealth.gov), [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov), [www.montcopa.org/covid-19](http://www.montcopa.org/covid-19)  
<https://www.upperdublin.net/departments/health/links/coronavirus-covid19/>