For Immediate Release
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(Clifton) - The Clifton Health Department understands that residents are concerned about the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. The Health Department has been informed of 2 additional cases today, the City of Clifton has a total of 3 cases. Please be assured that the Health Department has been working diligently to prevent the spread of COVID-19. We have been in constant communication with our Police Department, Fire Department, Office of Emergency Management, Department of Public Works, Clifton Board of Education, Boys and Girls Club, long-term care facilities, and other community partners, in collaboration with New Jersey Department of Health and Passaic County Department of Health Services.

The Health Department would like to remind you of basic preventative actions that should be followed during this pandemic. As per the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, please be sure that you:

- Practice handwashing regularly for at least 20 seconds
- Cover your cough and sneeze with a tissue
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces
- Stay home when you are sick, and avoid close contact with people who are sick

In addition, be sure to practice the following social distancing measures:

- Keep a distance of at least 6 feet with people who are coughing or sneezing
- Avoid unnecessary physical contact, such as handshaking
- Avoid attending crowded events and social gatherings
- Consider replacing in-person gatherings with video chatting, voice messaging and phone calls

Please note that testing is only available for symptomatic individuals. Symptoms include a fever of more than 100.4, coughing, and shortness of breath. The Health Department does not test for COVID-19. Testing can be done through medical providers; contact your healthcare provider to see if you are eligible for testing.

Out of an abundance of caution, the Clifton Senior Center has been closed until further notice. All Health Department and Recreation Department programs and events will be cancelled through April 13, 2020 where we will reassess the status to see if any further action should be taken.

Clifton Public Schools plan to remain closed through March 29, 2020 and cannot determine how long the district will remain closed; however, the situation will be reevaluated at that time. The Clifton Art Center, Clifton Public Libraries, Clifton Hamilton House Museum, and Clifton Boys & Girls Club will be closed beginning Sunday, March 15, 2020 until further notice. Clifton Municipal Court sessions will be suspended from Monday, March 16, 2020 continuing through Friday, March 27, 2020.

For general questions pertaining to COVID-19, please call the New Jersey Department of Health COVID-19 Hotline at 1-800-222-1222. If using an out-of-state phone line please call 1-800-962-1253. For mental health-related concerns during COVID-19, please call the Disaster Distress Hotline at 1-800-985-5990 or text “talk with us” at 66746. If you wish to get in touch with the Clifton Health Department for general COVID-19 questions, please email Health Educator Layan Helwani at Lhelwani@cliftonnj.org.

The Clifton Health Department is a contractual health agency serving the Township of Little Falls.