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Good afternoon everyone!

I have had the opportunity to review the most recent COVID-19 mandates, recommendations and advisories from the Governor's office that have been released over the past week regarding public health and safety. We have currently asked our Township Building staff to either work from home, come into the office to pick up items to work on at home, or to work in the office with social distancing, mask wearing and separation from other staff members. To date, this has worked well due primarily to the hard work and efforts of our staff. Police and Public Works continue to perform their outstanding service to our residents, businesses, and educational community with some minor modifications within our Public Works scheduling of staff and operations. Sanitizing of buildings and vehicles continue as precautionary and preventative measures.

With the Township's current modified plan set to expire on Monday, November 30th, we are going to extend this modified operational schedule through January 3, 2021. As the COVID numbers continue to rise in Montgomery County, as well as throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and reading that there is the potential for another spike in virus cases after the Thanksgiving holiday, we believe we should continue this modified schedule into early 2021 for the safety of our staff and the community.

As part of continuing the modified operational schedule, we are letting the Cheltenham community, as well as the Cheltenham Tax Office, Cheltenham Library, the various Township Fire Companies and the Cheltenham Township School District, know of this extension of our modified operational plan through January 3, 2021. For the Township building, we will deploy the previously used platoon and/or split schedule for staff to maintain the continuity of service but keep our staff spaced far enough apart and as safe as possible for both staff and our community.

We have had some of our staff contract the virus and we have taken all the appropriate measures to ensure their health and well-being as well as the safety of their co-workers and the community. During these pandemic times, I am so enormously proud of our Township staff and their hard work, dedication, and commitment to the Cheltenham community! It is why we are the best community in Montgomery County and the best place to live, work, play and do business!

On behalf of the Cheltenham Township Board of Commissioners, we wish everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving! Please be careful in all your travels this holiday weekend!

Sincerely,

Bob Zienkowski
Township Manager