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Mayor Anthony Fanucci issued the following update today regarding the COVID-19 Pandemic:

As we face the challenges the COVID-19 virus presents and the temporary closure of all municipal buildings to the public, it is important that you all know Vineland services will continue uninterrupted. Public safety, public works, municipal utilities, and all city hall staff will continue with necessary operations. Staff is working normal hours and are available Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM by telephone or email.

We are currently developing a public information sheet outlining temporary service policies while municipal buildings are closed to the public in order to protect both employees and residents during this period. We will post the full list as soon as possible.

For example, the Municipal Utilities has begun accepting applications for service requests via email. If you require service connection at a new location, please fill out the service request form which you can get at <http://utilities.vinelandcity.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Application-for-Service-Request-Form.pdf>, along with the required documents, and email to customerservice@vinelandcity.org.

Also, please be advised that the March 21 Rabies Clinic has been postponed. A new date will be announced when practical. The Greek Flag Raising Ceremony on March 21 at City Hall has also been cancelled.

To help keep the public informed, the State of New Jersey today activated NJ 211 to help handle COVID-19 related calls. Residents with questions or concerns about COVID-19 and resources available to them can call 2-1-1. Residents can also text NJCOVID to 898-211 to receive text information and stay informed. To receive live text assistance, residents can text their zip code to 898-211.

As the situation continues to evolve, we will continue to work closely with federal, state, and county partners to mitigate the number of COVID-19 cases in our community, and supplement the efforts being taken by other local jurisdictions to prevent the spread of the virus.

To this end, it is critical that we all carefully practice social distancing directives from the Governor's Office and the CDC for the foreseeable future in order to prevent exposure to, and transmission, of the COVID-19 within the community, particularly our fellow citizens who are most at risk of infection, including older adults and individuals with underlying medical conditions.