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****Press Release****

Fulop Administration Takes Proactive Steps to Minimize the Spread of Covid-19; All City-sponsored events cancelled through March 20th

Cancellation Includes St Patrick's Day Parade, Police Graduation Ceremony, and all "Sunshine" Public Meetings; Clear Guidance on Requirements for Non-City Private Events Provided as well

JERSEY CITY – **Mayor Steven M. Fulop** and **city health and public safety officials** announce all nonessential city-sponsored and/or city-involved functions will be cancelled for the next 7 days as part of the proactive measures being put into place by the Administration to prevent the spread of the highly contagious Covid-19. The mandate takes effect beginning at 10 p.m. on Wednesday, March 11, 2020. Additional guidance on the extension of cancellations will be given on a week-to-week basis. In addition, the city is giving clear requirements for non-city sponsored events to help limit the spread of Covid-19.

“We always want the city to be a leader and proactive in protecting our residents” **Mayor Fulop** said. “In this case, we are taking reasonable steps and giving clear direction to the community on expectations. We are asking our resident to help us in keeping our community safe.”

Additional measures enacted by the Administration to minimize potential impacts of the virus include:

- All city offices will be appointment-based only, walk-ins will be asked to schedule an appointment in order to be seen.
- Venues (restaurants, bars, etc.) that hold more than 25 people are being asked to maintain attendance in case of future need to track exposure

“We are asking people to use judgment and to limit public gathering, maintain personal hygiene, and stay home if you feel sick,” said **Stacey Flanagan, Director of Health and Human Services**.

Following a closed door meeting at the Office of Emergency Management (OEM), located at 715 Summit Avenue, a press conference will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, March 12th where Jersey City officials will discuss further actions being taken to safeguard Jersey City residents.

To further the city's efforts to stop the spread of the coronavirus, a 24-hour hotline has been set up. If you suspect you have been exposed to Covid-19 please self-quarantine and call: 201-547-5208. To avoid overwhelming our medical facilities, and if you believe you may be infected, DO NOT use public transportation to our hospitals. Call the hotline first. We will direct you on where and how to go.

For more information and continuous updates, please visit the city's dedicated webpage www.jcnj.org/coronavirus.

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