From the Island Heights Public Information System:

With the current health emergency throughout our area and the entire U.S. we must all work together, stay informed and, in some cases make sacrifices. To help stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus follow the <u>CDC.gov</u>guidelines and remember to wash your hands often, wave or nod, don't shake hands or hug, avoid large crowds and most importantly stay calm and stay informed. <u>CDC.gov</u> is the most accurate source for information.

Next, the Island Heights Grade School, Central Regional Middle School and High School, and other schools in the area will be closed to students at least through March 27th. Students will be learning from home using on-line systems connecting to their teachers. They will be using the same network that we all use for online shopping, social media, streaming videos and sharing family photos. So that our children can continue their schooling over the next few weeks, it is important that the network not get overloaded. We are asking that you minimize non-essential on-line activities during school hours, Monday to Friday 8:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Also, if you are not receiving these important messages by email, please go to the Boro website at <u>islandheightsboro.com</u>, go to the alerts page and then to "sign up for CodeRed" and add your email address. This will help us provide important and useful information about situations and events affecting us all.

Remember to check on your older neighbors by giving them a call and offering them help with shopping, picking up prescriptions, etc. and just keeping them company. For your convenience and safety, the public area of the Post Office is open 24 hours a day so pick up your mail later in evening when less crowded. Most groceries stores have delivery services, they are great ways to get food. Most restaurants are offering to-go or delivery services. Get your favorite meals delivered and support local small businesses.

Lastly, as always, all of our emergency response agencies and the Mayor and Council are actively monitoring this situation and are being trained, equipped and prepared to safely provide assistance. Please only call 911 if there is a real emergency. We WILL get through this.

Thank you. Steve Doyle, Mayor Susan Thompson, Council President Doug Platt, OEM Coordinator