

EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
COVID -19 Contingency Operations

UPDATE #7

May 11, 2020

Code Department:

As we implement Federal, State, County, and Township guidance to combat the spread of the COVID-19 Virus; the Township Board of Supervisors has issued an Emergency Declaration, <https://eastgoshen.org/east-goshen-township-emergency-declaration/>.

UPDATE: At this time, East Goshen Township will continue with Contingency Operations thru June 4, 2020. This timing is subject to change, dependent on Federal, State and Local guidance.

UPDATE: The Township Code Department Staff is working remotely and in the Township Building to the extent possible. Code Department Operations and Services during this period will be addressed as follows:

UPDATE: Change of Use and Occupancy Inspection Program:

The Township Change of Use and Occupancy Inspection program is suspended until the Township reopens for business. This includes apartment re-occupancy and all resale inspections.

- **UPDATE: Real-estate Sales:** Properties going to settlement on or before **May 15, 2020** may proceed at your own RISK. Upon request, the Township will issue a letter to the seller for their use at settlement. This letter will be issued with the condition that **the new owner will be responsible to secure a U&O certificate once Township operations return to normal.** We encourage the property seller to perform a self-inspection of the dwelling prior to settlement; specifically, the items listed on page 3 of the Change of Use and Occupancy Application.

- [Change of Use and Occupancy Application](#)

UPDATE: Properties going to settlement after May 15, 2020 will be addressed normally, as long as COVID-19 safety guidelines are followed. See the **Code Department COVID – 19 Safety Guidelines** at the end of this document.

- **UPDATE: Rental Units:** Inspection of Rental Units will resume on May 18, 2020 as normal, as long as the Township COVID-19 safety guidelines are followed. See the **Code Department COVID – 19 Safety Guidelines** at the end of this document.

- [Change of Use and Occupancy Application](#)

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Permit Applications:

UPDATE: As of MAY 1, 2020 Construction Activities resumed in PA, in accordance with these guidelines: <https://www.governor.pa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/20200423-Construction-Industry-Guidance.pdf>

UPDATE: Code Dept. Staff is working shifts at the Township Building and remotely as necessary until June 4, 2020. We will evaluate and adjust as needed. Permit Applications can continue to be dropped off in the drop box or mailed to the office. The Township Building will not be open to the public until June 4, 2020. We will address any needed pre-construction meetings or information exchanges on a case-by-case basis.

Permit Inspections:

BUILDING PERMIT INSPECTIONS ARE BEING CONDUCTED USING THE Code Department COVID – 19 Safety Guidelines outlined at the end of this document.

Call the Township Code Department at 610-692-7171 x 3202 to schedule inspections.

Planning & Zoning:

UPDATE: Applicants may submit a subdivision/land development application, a conditional use application, or a zoning hearing board application electronically and via US MAIL provided the Applicant is willing to grant the township a planning extension to the applicable time frames for the respective board to conduct meetings and hearings to render a decision. Applicants should contact the Zoning Officer at mgordon@eastgoshen.org to obtain a copy of such waiver before submitting an application. The Township will not accept applications if the waiver is not included with the application.

Currently all Township meetings are being held via teleconference using ZOOM. The meeting schedule is located on the Township website, which is updated regularly. Instructions on how to participate in these public meetings and hearings is also available on the Township website.

Communication Amplification Analysis Reports:

The due date for all Communication Amplification Analysis reports has been extended to August 1, 2020.

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UPDATE: Code Department COVID – 19 Safety Guidelines:

Until further Notice, East Goshen Township Code Department personnel will follow the following safety guidelines while performing their duties in order to help ensure the safety of the Township employees and all persons involved.

Indoor inspections:

- Township Inspectors shall wear a face mask.
- All persons in the Dwelling / Building shall wear a mask during the inspection or will leave the dwelling during the inspection.
- Inspector will maintain a safe distance from all persons on the worksite.
- Inspection reports will be emailed when possible.

Outdoor Inspections:

- Township Inspectors shall wear a face mask.
- All persons dealing with the inspector shall wear a mask during the inspection or will leave the area during the inspection
- Inspector will maintain a safe distance from all persons on the worksite.
- Inspection reports will be emailed when possible.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation. We are available to answer your questions at codes@eastgoshen.org

**ALL OF THE ABOVE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE, PLEASE CHECK BACK
REGULARLY FOR UPDATES.**