

PRESS RELEASE

Beverly City Fire District No. 1
Burlington County, NJ
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Response to Coronavirus (Covid-19), Wuhan Virus, SARS-coV-2

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As a result of the declared National Emergency and State of Emergency to the Coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic the Beverly City Fire District No. 1 serving the citizens and visitors of Beverly City and Edgewater Park Township will be operating under new mandatory protocols at the direction of Fire Chief George Meredith and Deputy Fire Chief Francis Varsaci.

The public can be assured that we are fully operational and our volunteers will still respond to and answer emergency calls to 911.

- In the interest of protecting the public that we serve and to protect our volunteers any member who is exhibiting signs and symptoms of the Coronavirus (Covid-19) or any that are Flu-like will suspend themselves from all fire service activities. Any member in the firehouse exhibiting those signs and symptoms will be sent home. All members will practice good hygiene.
- On all calls, other than working fires, contact with a resident and entry into the residence will be limited to the Crew Chief and one other firefighter. Prior to entry, the resident will be asked if they have experienced any signs or symptoms that are Flu-like or if they have voluntarily self quarantined themselves. If the answer is yes to either question, the Crew Chief and firefighter will consider the use of Self Contained Breathing Apparatus for respiratory protection. After all calls where there may have been an exposure, turnout gear will be properly washed and dried immediately following the call. Masks will be also be sanitized.
- Both of our fire stations located at Beverly Fire Company No. 1 at 440 Laurel Street and Hope Hose Fire Company No.2 at 408 Broad Street are closed to all visitors and non-members.
AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL ONLY

Changes to this policy will be ongoing. If there are any questions or concerns, please contact the above.