

TOWNSHIP OF BIRCH RUN
SAGINAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN

BIRCH RUN TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION ADOPTING BIRCH RUN TOWNSHIP DIRECTIVE REGARDING IMPORTANCE
OF PERSONAL HYGIENE
NO. 2020-11

At a Regular Meeting of the Birch Run Township Board, Township of Birch Run, Saginaw County, Michigan, held at the Township Government Room on the 9th day of June, 2020, at 7 o'clock Eastern Standard Time.

PRESENT: Letterman, Trinklein, Parlberg, Moore, Kiessling, Sheridan, Totten
ABSENT: None

The following resolution was made by Sheridan and seconded by Totten:

WHEREAS, Governor Gretchen Whitmer has issued Executive Order No. 2020-97, which requires, in part, all governmental offices to post signs about the importance of personal hygiene.

WHEREAS, the Birch Run Township Board of Trustees desires to slow and stop the spread of COVID-19 and to save lives, minimize and mitigate damage, enhance the efficiency of efficacy of Township governmental operations, enhance emergency response operations and enhance and protect the lives of the Township's employees, citizens, residents and property owners.

WHEREAS, the Birch Run Township Board of Trustees has determined that the adoption of the Birch Run Township Directive Regarding Importance of Personal Hygiene will serve to effectuate the goal and desire described in the preceding paragraph.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The Birch Run Township Board of Trustees hereby fully adopts the Birch Run Township Directive Regarding Importance of Personal Hygiene and directs same to be posted in a conspicuous location at the Birch Run Township Governmental Office.
2. Said Birch Run Township Directive Regarding Importance of Personal Hygiene is subject to change at any time pursuant to the discretion of the Township Board. Said Directive shall remain in effect until further notice.
3. Said Directive shall be available for review, inspection and copying on the Birch Run Township website and at the Birch Run Township Governmental Offices.
4. All resolutions or parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions hereof are rescinded to the extent of such conflict.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

YEAS: Totten, Trinklein, Parlberg, Sheridan
NAYS: Kiessling, Letterman
ABSTENTIONS: None

Birch Run Township Directive Regarding Importance of Personal Hygiene

Purpose:

Due to the increased risk of exposure to Coronavirus/COVID 19, the following directive shall be followed. This directive is subject to change at any time at the discretion of the Township Board, and it will remain in place and effective until further notice. The purpose of this Directive is to save lives, minimize and mitigate damage, enhance the efficiency of efficacy of Township governmental operations, enhance emergency response operations and enhance and protect the lives of the Township's employees, citizens, residents and property owners. It is imperative that we all play a role in containing and slowing the spread of the virus so that emergency and health officials can prepare for an eventual outbreak and protect the Township residents and employees from the worst of the disease and illness. The Township will remain proactive while responding to the threat in a calm and rational manner. The Township will continue collaborating with its government partners and health officials to coordinate responses, and it will respond to developments accordingly.

The following personal hygiene actions are strongly encouraged by the Township as they are critically important to preventing and mitigating the spread of COVID-19:

- Regularly and thoroughly wash your hands using soap and warm water or, if soap and warm water are not available use hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol. Washing your hands with soap and warm water or using alcohol-based hand rub kills viruses that may be on your hands.
- Maintain at least 6 feet distance between yourself and others. When someone coughs, sneezes, or speaks they spray small liquid droplets from their nose or mouth which may contain virus. If you are too close, you can breathe in the droplets, including the COVID-19 virus if the person has the disease.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth. Hands touch many surfaces and can pick up viruses. Once contaminated, hands can transfer the virus to your eyes, nose, or mouth. From there, the virus can enter your body and infect you.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a cloth face cover when around others. You could spread COVID-19 to others even if you do not feel sick. The cloth face cover is meant to protect other people in case you are infected.
- Make sure you, and the people around you, follow good respiratory hygiene. This means covering your mouth and nose with your bent elbow or tissue when you cough or sneeze. Then appropriately dispose of the used tissue in a trash receptacle immediately and wash your hands. Droplets spread virus. By following good respiratory hygiene, you protect the people around you from viruses such as cold, flu and COVID-19.
- Clean AND disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily. This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks. If surfaces are dirty, clean them. Use detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection. Then, use a household disinfectant. Most common EPA-registered household disinfectants will work.

- Stay home and self-isolate even with minor symptoms such as cough, headache, mild fever, until you recover. Have someone bring you supplies. If you need to leave your house, wear a mask to avoid infecting others. Avoiding contact with others will protect them from possible COVID-19 and other viruses.
- Monitor Your Health. Be alert for symptoms. Watch for fever, cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms of COVID-19. Especially important if you are running essential errands, going into the office or workplace, and in settings where it may be difficult to keep a physical distance of 6 feet. Take your temperature if symptoms develop. Don't take your temperature within 30 minutes of exercising or after taking medications that could lower your temperature, like acetaminophen.

If you have a fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical attention, but call by telephone in advance if possible and follow the directions of your local health authority. National and local authorities will have the most up to date information on the situation in your area. Calling in advance will allow your health care provider to quickly direct you to the right health facility. This will also protect you and help prevent spread of viruses and other infections.