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Out of an abundance of caution over the COVID-19 national public health crisis, the Berkeley Heights Police Department will be enacting some minor, temporary changes.

In an effort to mitigate disease transmission by limiting close human contact, all citizens contacting the department to make reports that are "non-emergency" in nature are asked to make the report via telephone. Citizens who call dispatch will be asked for their contact information and a police officer will contact them immediately via telephone. Our Police Supervisors have been asked to use good judgement in determining whether or not face-to-face contact with a Berkeley Heights officer is necessary or not. If in-person contact with an officer is determined to be required then it will certainly be provided.

We also ask citizens to refrain from coming to and entering the police building if not absolutely necessary. In the event that a citizen feels the need to come to police headquarters, however, we will be able to accommodate any requests that they have. In no way are those who feel the need to enter police headquarters in an emergency being discouraged from doing so.

Requests for copies of police reports are encouraged to be submitted electronically if possible. We will continue to provide documents as required by law. Fingerprint requests may be delayed.

The Berkeley Heights Police Department has contingencies in place to ensure that our ability to respond to emergencies during this health crisis is not diminished. We are committed to responding to all emergencies, medical or otherwise, for the duration of the crisis. Police patrols and enforcement will continue as normal. Thank you for your cooperation.

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