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Sussex County Social Services Temporary Change in Operations

(Newton, NJ) The Sussex County Division of Social Services is committed to the well-being of our community and has placed top priority on ensuring residents receive their benefits during the current 2019 novel coronavirus public health crisis. A number of temporary changes have been put into place for social services that are administered locally at the Sussex County Division of Social Services in an effort to make the application process and receipt of benefits easier for those in need.

We are encouraging County residents who want to apply for food assistance through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or cash assistance through the Work First New Jersey program to do so online at NJHelps.org. The Social Services agency can conduct interviews by phone in order to reduce exposure during this public health crisis; therefore, residents do not need to come into the office to apply for benefits.

Work First New Jersey cash assistance clients who are due for their case to be reviewed in March or April will automatically receive a 60-day extension. These individuals do not need to come into the office.

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SNAP food assistance and Work First New Jersey cash assistance clients are not required to attend their work activity, unless they want to and the program is operating. This includes people who are applying for Work First New Jersey General Assistance and are in a work activity for 28 days while their application is being reviewed. No penalty will be assessed to these clients if they do not attend their work activity.

Applicants or clients who need to deliver paperwork to the office, can fax, mail or deposit items in the drop box located near the rear entrance of the Social Services building at 83 Spring Street in Newton. Paperwork can be mailed to the Sussex County Division of Social Services at PO Box 218, Newton, NJ 07860, or faxed to 973-383-3627. The agency can be reached by calling 973-383-3600.

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