RVRSA COVID-19 PLANNING AND RESPONSE

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority (RVRSA) began a program of social distancing, telecommuting, and telephonic board meetings beginning on March 23, 2020.

To ensure the health and safety of RVRSA employees, the RVRSA created COVID-19 Plan One and Plan Two. The Plans address work schedules, social distancing, and services of an Industrial Hygienist.

Work at the RVRSA is considered essential. Therefore, employees must report to work and continue to operate and maintain the operations of the plant. But to reduce the possibility of transmission of infection, as of March 23, 2020, the RVRSA has operated under two 12-hour shifts. No more than 10 employees are on site during any shift. All employees on site are required to utilize social distancing and follow CDC guidelines for staying safe. Additionally, custodial staff are sterilizing floors, door handles and all common areas of the facility regularly.

Administrative staff are fulfilling their job duties off-site at home. Monthly Board meeting are being held telephonically, and are public noticed with a call-in number and code for Board Members and the public to attend the meeting remotely. Committee and staff meetings are also being held utilizing teleconferencing.

Until further notice there is no public access to the facility. All deliveries are received at the main entrance of the main operations building. Appointments are needed for sales visits and other RVRSA business.

The RVRSA thanks all its employees for continuing in its mission to protect the environment by treating and discharging clean water into the Rockaway River, and by extension to protect the drinking water plants downstream of the RVRSA. RVRSA employees reporting to duty at the RVRSA plant are a great asset to the community as a critical component of the frontline employees who are continuing to provide essential public services during this pandemic.

Respectfully,

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