



April 13th, 2020

Hello. According to the Rutherford Board of Health, as of 3:00 pm today, the total number of COVID-19 positive cases in Rutherford has risen to a total of 112.

The residents with new positive results are 20 and 66 years of age. The situation continues to be closely monitored by our Board of Health. Our first responders continue to take all possible precautions when assisting our community.

Rutherford Police and EMS are still gratefully accepting donations of any N-95 and non N-95 masks, disposable gloves and disposable gowns. Please contact the Mayor's office directly at 201-460-3022.

We're proud to say that many individuals and organizations in the community have donated masks to our first responders. Thank you for your generosity.

Tonight's regularly scheduled Mayor and Council meeting will still be held via conference call at 6:30 pm. The public will be able to listen to the meeting and participate by calling in or emailing. Instructions for this can be found on the [calendar on the Borough website](#).

Please note that effective 8:00 pm tonight, Governor Murphy has ordered New Jersey Transit and all private carriers to cut capacity by 50%. Riders must also use face masks unless prevented from doing so due to a medical condition. A copy of this most recent [Executive Order](#) that also affects food service policies can also be found on the Borough website. We are also sending our local businesses a copy of this Executive Order directly.

New Jersey Economic Development Authority (NJEDA) has created the Small Business Emergency Assistance Loan Program which will make direct, low-cost financing available to help New Jersey small businesses and non-profits cover operating expenses and ensure continuity of operations during the outbreak. The online application portal for loans opened this morning and the link can be found on our website. To see whether you might qualify for this first come, first served program, use the [NJ COVID-19 Business Support Eligibility Wizard](#).

This of course is a fluid situation and the Borough is in constant communication with County and State officials. As needed, we will be updating residents by [Borough website](#), [Twitter](#), and [Facebook](#) daily.

Sincerely,
Councilman Eddie Narucki