



April 14th, 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 116.

The residents with new positive results range in age from 48 to 56. 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.

Once again, we'd like to thank Rutherford Police and EMS who 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 are grateful for our residents who are staying home, however we recognize the hardship that has caused many in our community. As such, at last night's Mayor and Council meeting, we passed two resolutions: one that temporarily reduces the monthly permit parking fee in half for April and May and another that postpones the previously scheduled parking permit increase from July 1 to January 1, 2021. All payments are still due on the first of the month and can be mailed or placed in the drop-box on the side of Borough Hall. If you choose to stop using your parking permit, please return the placard so you will not be billed for the month and it can be offered to someone on the waiting list.

The Bergen New Bridge Medical Center testing site in Paramus will now be open 7 days a week. Those wishing to be tested must be a Bergen County resident, municipal or county employee in Bergen County, first responder, or healthcare worker. Proof of employment within the municipality or the County will be required. You MUST be symptomatic to be tested.

The Small Business Emergency Assistance Loan Relief Program run by the New Jersey Economic Authority has become oversubscribed due to high demand. We're continuing to monitor any state or federal programs that are available to our small business community and will update you as it becomes available.

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.

I'd like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that while we're practicing social distancing, it's still important to check in with friends and neighbors in responsible ways. Text, call or email someone you haven't heard from in a while. It's important now more than ever to stay

connected even though we can't be together. Stay home, stay safe so we can be together again as soon as possible.

Sincerely,
Councilwoman Maria Begg-Roberson