



April 17th, 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 130.

The residents with new positive results range in age from 28 to 76. 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.

I'd like to thank all of our first responders for your tremendous dedication to our community. Please continue to support them by donating N-95 and non N-95 masks, disposable gloves and disposable gowns. Please contact the Mayor's office directly at 201-460-3022.

At Monday's Mayor and Council meeting, we unfortunately felt it necessary to pass two resolutions which suspend all community events indefinitely and cancel the fireworks scheduled for July 5th. Although we recognize that canceling all community events is discouraging, we feel that these are necessary steps to protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Borough as we continue to battle the COVID-19 pandemic. All future events, including the Labor Day Street Festival, will be revisited as we receive more guidance from state and county officials.

Yesterday, the Rutherford District School Superintendent Jack Hurley reiterated Governor Murphy's closure of schools until at least May 15.

The County has provided a single page, [concise summary of available resources for businesses](#) which can be found on our website.

For those who want to volunteer for a variety of needs, the state is collecting a database of people interested. Visit www.helpnjnow.org for more information.

Today's local, non-essential business that is thinking outside the box is Maggie McGill Photography with the "The Front Steps Project," taking family portraits outside on the front steps of homes from a safe distance. 100% of the proceeds will be donated to a different service in need in our community.

Please be on the lookout for *The Rutherford Report*, the Mayor and Council Newsletter, which will be posted on social media and the Borough website today. You can also sign up on our website to receive the newsletter via email.

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 Mark Goldsack