



April 18th, 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 133.

The residents with new positive results range in age from 47 to 68. 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.

The nurses of the Rutherford Department of Health have worked 33 of the last 34 days and will be taking a break tomorrow but will resume regular office hours on Monday.

The testing site at Bergen New Bridge Medical Center is now open 7 days a week to all employees of any municipality in Bergen County, Bergen County employees as well as first responders and healthcare professionals. Proof of employment within the municipality is required. Individuals must be symptomatic and must first be screened by completing a brief survey located at <https://www.newbridgehealth.org> or have a prescription from their private physician for expedited scheduling, also found at newbridgehealth.org.

The Rutherford Little League program is still following the directives of Little League International and the Borough of Rutherford by holding off on any activity until May 17th. As we get closer to that date, Rutherford Little League Board of Directors will work together with all respective parties to see how to safely proceed. First and foremost is the safety and well being of all participants and we hope that baseball and softball will be played on our fields again soon.

The local non-essential business I'd like to highlight today is Rutherford Music Exchange. They are offering \$28 music lessons on Facetime and ZOOM by appointment as well as curbside pick up and drop off for instrument repairs. Their contact information can be found on the list of open businesses on the Borough website.

We understand everyone's frustration with being home. We are flattening the curve, but there is still a long way to go, and we appreciate Rutherford's commitment to keeping everyone in our community as safe and healthy as possible.

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. We will be taking a break from video updates tomorrow but will resume bringing you information on Monday, April 20th.

Sincerely, Councilman Ray Guzman

