



April 30th, 2020

Hello. According to the Rutherford Health Department, as of 3:00 pm today, the total number of COVID-19 positive cases in Rutherford has risen to a total of 170.

The residents with new positive results range in age from 26 to 56. The situation continues to be closely monitored by the Health Department. Our first responders continue to take all possible precautions when assisting our community.

County Executive Jim Tedesco has announced that Bergen County parks and golf courses will be opening this Saturday, May 2nd. Residents are encouraged to use county parks closest to their homes and to continue practicing social distancing. Governor Murphy has announced that state parks will reopen Saturday as well.

The reopening of local parks remains a decision for individual municipalities. After consulting with our Office of Emergency Management, we have decided that Rutherford's parks will not open at this time. It's important to understand the logistics that come with enforcing social distancing in a public space. The health and safety of residents have been my priority since Rutherford's parks closed on March 15th. As you may recall, we closed our parks before county and state parks closed because we understood the community's natural desire to congregate there, and the risks associated with it. Sadly, the risk remains as Rutherford continues to log new cases of COVID-19. Fortunately the numbers of new cases seems to be trending downward, which makes me hopeful that we will be able to reopen our parks soon. The Borough is currently working on a plan to reopen our parks responsibly, but we cannot allow any part of Rutherford to become an attraction for residents or non-residents to gather at this time.

Today's business spotlight is Yellowtail Japanese Restaurant at 17 Park Ave. They are open for business for curbside pick-up and delivery. Their website is yellowtailrutherford.com.

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](https://twitter.com), and [Facebook](https://facebook.com) daily.

Sincerely,
Mayor Frank Nunziato