



April 4th, 2020

Hello. According to the Rutherford Board of Health, as of 2:00 pm today, the total number of COVID-19 positive cases in Rutherford has risen to a total of 65.

The residents with new positive results range in age from 34-89. 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.

Although these numbers are high, it's important to remember that this was not unexpected as testing becomes more available. Social distancing is still our best way to combat this virus.

The CDC has recommended that it is best to use a mask when out in public, such as in grocery stores and pharmacies or when you conduct other essential business. This includes homemade cloth masks. Recent studies show that a significant amount of individuals with COVID-19 are asymptomatic but still able to transmit the virus. You can read more from the CDC here:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html>

Please visit the list of open businesses on our Borough website. This is updated in real time by the business owners who choose to enter their information.

Governor Murphy has ordered all flags flown at half staff in order to maintain a constant and visible memorial as long as the pandemic is in effect "in order to honor those that we've lost and those that we'll lose."

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 are all in this together. Please keep being responsible and Rutherford will get through this. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Councilman Eddie Narucki