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In recent days, Rutherford residents have passed as a result of COVID-19. Unfortunately we've known that losing cherished people in our town would eventually happen during this pandemic.

And truthfully, I've struggled with deciding how exactly to deliver this information to you. As Mayor, I need to balance the community's desire to know what's going on with the privacy of the families who are living through unimaginable days.

These families are navigating a mourning period without access to the traditions we've taken for granted for so long. There is no playbook for this. None of us have experienced life, or death, the way we are currently experiencing it.

The only thing I know to do right now is ask for your help in respecting the privacy of our neighbors, keep them in your thoughts and be there for them when they can once again safely gather to remember the victims of this tragedy. Until that day comes, we must remember to keep ourselves as safe and healthy as possible and support our healthcare workers.

We will deliver our daily update later this afternoon.

Thank you and be safe,

Mayor Frank Nunziato