



April 8th, 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 87.

The residents with new positive results range in age from 50 to 65. 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.

Rutherford Police and EMS are still gratefully accepting donations of any N-95 and non N-95 masks, disposable gloves and disposable gowns. Please contact the Mayor's office directly at 201-460-3022.

The state has shared with us some more information for small business relief which can be found on our website. As per Governor Murphy's most recent Executive Order earlier today, all essential businesses that remain open must limit the amount of customers to 50% of their regular capacity. Patrons and employees are required to wear masks and gloves as well.

I'd like to remind you once again to please continue to respect the privacy of our grieving neighbors. These families are dealing with their grief 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.

We understand the desire for people to gather as we live through these challenging times. We have worked with religious leaders in our community and are grateful for their support. Many of Rutherford's houses of worship are live streaming services and along with providing resources. As we recognize that this year's celebrations of religious holidays will be different, we certainly hope that everyone will continue to be healthy and safe. May you have a meaningful holiday observance.

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 Tom Mullahey