



April 9th, 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 97.

The residents with new positive results range in age from 9 months to 60 years of age. 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.

While it may seem like there is a lot of data available regarding COVID-19 positive cases in Bergen County, County Executive Jim Tedesco has advised municipalities to primarily rely on the numbers provided by our local health officials. The county database does not operate in real time and relies on data input by individual testing laboratories, which don't necessarily operate in a uniform manner. I'd like to thank the Brian O'Keefe and the nurses at our Health Department for working tirelessly 7 days a week since this crisis began.

Starting today, the testing site at New Bridge Medical Center will open up to all local municipal employees and Bergen County employees, in addition to symptomatic first responders, health care workers and Bergen County residents with a doctor's prescription. Online pre-screening is still required. The link to that can be found on the Borough website. Approximately 60 percent of tests at New Bridge return positive, which means pre-screening is an effective and necessary tool in order to save PPE supplies, tests and resources.

The New Bridge site, as well the one at Bergen Community College, will be closed this Sunday in observance of Easter. The Bergen Community site requires the person be a NJ resident and experiencing signs of respiratory illness. Priority will be given to symptomatic individuals experiencing cough, fever (99.6 or above) and shortness of breath. First come, first serve.

To clarify the Executive Order Governor Murphy issued yesterday, everyone is required to wear masks when at stores, however only employees are required to wear gloves. The Executive Order also suspended all non-essential construction. Construction that is considered essential is detailed in the Executive Order that can be found on our website.

Please note that Met Life Stadium parking lot will become a staging area for out of state ambulances coming to support the northeast region beginning tonight. You may see a large

number of ambulances in and around Met Life Stadium. We will provide more information as it becomes available.

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 Mark Goldsack