



December 20, 2021

Good afternoon. As I'm sure you're aware, COVID numbers have been increasing throughout the area and Rutherford is no exception. As such, the Borough has decided to suspend all Recreation programs effective immediately through January 3rd. At that time we will review the data collected over the holiday break and make appropriate decisions for our sports programs.

Please remember that if a student is quarantined from school, that child must quarantine from Rec programs as well. A negative PCR test is required in order to rejoin Recreation programs prior to the end of the 10 day quarantine. Thank you for your cooperation.

Our Health Department continues to build upon the hard work they began in response to COVID back in March of 2020. Data shows that using masks and being fully vaccinated (including boosters) are major factors in reducing the spread of infection and minimizing the severity of breakthrough cases. Contact tracing is vitally important to understanding how COVID is affecting our community and we request that you provide any necessary information to a person conducting contact tracing should they call you.

Health Official Jennifer Galarza has provided us with the most recent information regarding instructions about what to do if you have recently tested for COVID, which can be found on the Borough website.

I've been in touch with the Superintendent of Schools Jack Hurley. He reports the numbers in our schools have been consistently low with no confirmed outbreaks within the school system. Mr. Hurley continues to be involved in meetings with the Health Department so that the Borough and schools can jointly monitor the situation.

This is a time for caution, not alarm. Information and research about COVID has changed over time and I wanted to take this opportunity to make sure Rutherford is prepared with the most accurate and up to date information available as we gather for the holiday season.

Please continue to be the amazing community that Rutherford has always been during this holiday season so we can all gather again in 2022.

Sincerely,
Mayor Frank Nunziato