



July 14th, 2020

Good afternoon. I'd like to update you on things happening in town as well as the total amount of COVID-19 cases in Rutherford. As you probably know, New Jersey overall has done a great job with flattening the curve. Unfortunately we haven't eradicated the virus yet and in Rutherford we have had 27 additional cases reported since our last update on June 8th. The ages of the residents who have tested positive since June 8th range from 15 to 71 and as of today, the total number of COVID-19 positive cases reported since March 18th is 223.

Please be mindful that whenever you can't maintain proper social distancing that you should wear a mask to help keep our numbers as low as possible.

In order to help promote outdoor dining, the Borough has allowed the placement of cement barriers in place of parking spaces in front of restaurants that have paid to have them installed. These semi-permanent barriers will be in place from now until the fall.

Additionally, as you may have heard yesterday, an extremely generous resident who wishes to remain anonymous, has donated the funds to allow an extra 10 evenings of Dining Out Rutherford. Weather permitting, the Borough will close Park Avenue from the Library to Ames Ave two nights a week throughout the summer. I would like to extend my sincerest gratitude to this donor for creating more opportunities for our downtown to thrive.

The Recreation Department has resumed issuing permits for outdoor activities. Please visit the [Recreation webpage](#) that explains what the new process for permits will be.

Borough Hall is currently open for business by appointment only during normal business hours. There are three upcoming meetings in the evenings, when Borough employees have left of the day, that will be open to the public. Those attending the Planning Board, Board of Adjustment and Mayor and Council meetings will be required to have their temperature taken, wear a mask and will need to provide their name, address and phone number for contact tracing purposes. The Borough appreciates your cooperation in this matter for the health and safety of Rutherford.

Lastly, I'd like to thank our residents for their support as we navigated uncharted territory during this pandemic. We've tried to proactively communicate directly with you and we hope we've been effective in keeping you informed. We will continue to do our best to communicate with you in both good and difficult times.

Sincerely, Mayor Frank Nunziato

