



March 24th, 2020

Hello. As we continue to diligently practice social distancing, the Mayor, my fellow council members and myself will individually deliver video messages to you for the foreseeable future.

According to the Rutherford Board of Health, a person who has been staying with family in Rutherford has tested positive for COVID-19. This is a 61 year old male who went to a local hospital on March 16th and 20th. No Rutherford police or EMS were involved in transporting him to the hospital, where he currently remains.

Two residents, a 60 year old male and a 55 year old female, called the Rutherford Health Department this afternoon noting that they had tested positive for the COVID-19 Virus. However, they are not listed in the CDRSS as of this time. The Rutherford Health Department is following up on these two residents that verbally reported to the health department their positive lab results.

The resident we mentioned in yesterday's update as "pending" has received their result which we're happy to report came back negative.

We are still encouraging any residents with N-95 masks and non N-95 masks to contact the borough if interested in donating them. We have had donations but more are appreciated.

At last night's Mayor and Council meeting it was discussed that all activities requiring Borough permits will be cancelled through May 17th. As things progress we will make a determination to the need of cancelling future events at the April 13th Mayor and Council meeting.

Please visit the Borough website for a [link to the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security](#) where they have information to help the public distinguish between facts and rumors regarding this pandemic. This page will be updated as more information becomes available. It's critical that we all make sure we are only sharing factual information and not rumors.

By now you should have received your official 2020 Census form in the mail. As Chair of the Rutherford Census Committee, it's my duty to remind you to fill this out. It's important that we all be counted as Rutherford receives federal funding and grants based on our population. It also factors into our representation in Washington DC.

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,

Council President Tom Mullahey