



March 25th, 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, as of 3pm today, the total number of COVID-19 positive cases in Rutherford has risen to a total of 9. As testing becomes more available, we expected to see our numbers rise and the situation is continuing to be closely monitored by our Board of Health. Our first responders continue to take all possible precautions when assisting our community.

The four new residents with positive results reported today range in age from 20 to 76. We'd like to remind you that this virus affects people of all ages and we ask our community to continue to adhere to the Governor's "stay at home" order.

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

Also Governor Murphy announced today that he is ordering child day care centers to close by Wednesday April 1st unless they "solely serve" the children of "essential workers." The Governor has also allowed mobile phone repair shops, gardening supply stores and bicycle repair shops to remain open.

Lastly we'd like to announce that the Mayor and Council are currently in the process of compiling information specifically related to state and federal programs which would assist many of our small businesses. We intend on compiling that information and disseminating it to our small business owners in the near future.

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