



March 26th, 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 15.

The new residents with positive results reported today range in age from 42 to 87. 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.

As of 8:00 am this morning there have been 81 deaths in the state of New Jersey aging in range from 30 to 98. The 30 year old person was a Bergen County resident. The total number of Bergen County deaths is 18. As testing has become more available, approximately 36% of all tests have come back positive for COVID-19. This is why we are strongly advising people to continue to adhere to Governor Murphy's "stay at home" order.

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

We'd also like to announce that in order to lessen the strain on our small businesses, Rutherford will provide garbage pick up for businesses along Union and Park Avenues.

County Executive Tedesco has announced that all County Parks will be shut to vehicular traffic. Walking and passive recreation is permissible.

FEMA declared NJ a disaster area late last night and plans on opening a hospital at the Meadowlands Convention Center.

The Governor has announced that all schools will remain closed until Friday April 17th. There will be a review prior to that date to determine whether schools should open then or the date should be pushed further back.

The State has developed [a jobs and hiring portal](#) to help those who have lost their job or have had their hours reduced as a result of COVID-19. This webpage found on the Borough is a compilation of businesses looking to hire at this time.

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 Ray Guzman