



March 28th, 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 2:30 pm today, the total number of COVID-19 positive cases in Rutherford has risen to a total of 19.

The new residents with positive results reported are all women who range in age from 30 to 53. 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 testing becomes more widely available, we expect the number of positive cases to continue to rise.

Yesterday we announced there is a testing site at New Bridge Medical Center in Paramus. For this weekend, the screening is only open to Bergen County first responders and hospital employees. It will open to residents after the weekend. Remember, you need to do an online screening prior to receiving an appointment - the link to which can be found on our website.

To our Rutherford residents - it is so important to listen to the experts, doctors, scientists and researchers. Please seek out science based facts. There are plenty of amazing people keeping safe in the Borough. Stay selfless, informed and strong. We all have a role right now. First responders and health care workers are performing their roles. The rest of us need to perform our roles by staying home, practicing social distancing and doing everything possible to support them.

The importance of community togetherness at this time cannot be overstated, which is why the Rutherford Arts Committee is organizing a campaign to send positive messages to our first responders and our health care workers who are fighting this battle on the front lines. We're asking you to post Blue Hearts and encouraging messages on your windows or front lawns to help inspire our local first responders and health care workers and let them know we're thinking about them. Get creative! If you have blue lights, use them too!

I'd like to remind people that the Borough is open by appointment only and thank you all for complying with our new guidelines.

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 Eddie Narucki