



March 29th, 2020

Hello.

As you may have noticed I am filming from my home. Since I had been working in New York City recently, I felt it best to stay home to record this video.

The Mayor and Council have worked incredibly efficiently to develop a process by which we can put out daily updates with confidence and I'm happy to participate in this process.

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 21. One prior positive case previously reported as positive has been changed by the lab to negative.

Three new residents with positive results reported are all range in age from 36 to 61. 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.

The Mayor and Council virtually met with several of Rutherford's faith leaders and they are very willing and eager to support residents with their spiritual and social emotional needs. If you are a clergy member who was not able to make this call, please reach out to me directly. My contact information is available on the Borough website. If you need spiritual support at this time, there are faith leaders in our community ready to help you.

Even though there are fewer cars on the road, more families are trying to responsibly enjoy fresh air by biking, running and walking. I'd like to remind our drivers and pedestrians to continue to be respectful of each other as we all navigate these unprecedented times together.

As testing becomes more widely available, we expect the number of positive cases to continue to rise.

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,

Councilwoman Maria Begg-Roberson