



March 30th, 2020

Hello. 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 26.

5 new residents with positive results reported range in age from 20-86. 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.

County Executive Jim Tedesco has announced that the COVID-19 Drive-Thru test site at New Bridge Medical Center in Paramus is now open to symptomatic residents who live in Bergen County. This site will continue to serve first responders and healthcare professionals who live or work in Bergen County. Anyone seeking to be tested must first complete a brief survey on [newbridgehealth.org](http://newbridgehealth.org) and evaluated by a Telehealth doctor. Patients will then be given a confirmation code number to present at the drive-thru testing site.

Beginning tomorrow, March 31st at 11 am, until supplies last, the Meadowlands YMCA in East Rutherford will distribute drive-thru emergency food boxes to families impacted by the current crisis.

The Borough is compiling a list for the public of all essential Rutherford businesses that remain open. If you're a local essential business owner, please visit the Borough website and fill out the form provided so the Borough can help make the community aware. An email will be sent out to businesses later today about this as well.

Today I'd like to acknowledge our DPW workers. They continue to perform essential services while handling extra duties. One of these duties is commercial garbage pickup, which the Borough has extended free of charge to our essential businesses that remain open and may be struggling financially. For those of you who don't know, I'm proud to say that Wednesday, our DPW workers will begin delivering Meals on Wheels by using the Borough shuttle busses that are otherwise not currently being used. This is a function typically served by the County which is understandably overburdened at this time. Thank you, members of our DPW, for being flexible and taking care of the community in ways you never imagined you'd be tasked with.

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,  
Mayor Frank Nunziato