



May 1st, 2020

Hello. According to the Rutherford Health Department, as of 3:00 pm today, the total number of COVID-19 positive cases in Rutherford has risen to a total of 173.

The residents with new positive results range in age from 26 to 44. The situation continues to be closely monitored by our Health Department. Our first responders continue to take all possible precautions when assisting our community.

We'd like to remind you that ticketing for alternate side of the street parking will resume on Monday, May 4th. Please help us keep your neighborhood beautiful by remembering to move your car on your scheduled day.

I'd like to congratulate Rutherford resident Christine Beidel for being chosen a "Bergen County Hero" by Bergen County Freeholder Tracy Silna Zur. Christine and 4 other Bergen County residents founded the Bergen Mask Task Force. Together, they use their skills to sew washable fabric masks for front line heroes around Bergen County and New York City. What those 5 women started has grown into a force of 400 volunteers producing thousands of masks. Your ingenuity and generosity is truly inspiring and I hope many more follow in your footsteps.

The Rutherford Community Pantry continues to serve those in need. I'd like to thank our Director of Social Services, Genevieve Kacmarcik, for her tireless efforts in finding ways to provide necessities while practicing social distancing during a time when our most vulnerable population needs her most. The May needs list is currently available on at [rutherfordcommunitypantry.org](http://rutherfordcommunitypantry.org). Please be mindful of the limited inventory space at the pantry. While all donations are appreciated, the items listed on this site truly are the most needed at this time.

This weekend is the Digital Action Weekend for the United States Census. It's important that we all be counted as Rutherford receives federal funding and grants based on our population. It also factors into our representation in Washington DC. If you're curious about [how well Rutherford has responded to the Census](#), or need to fill out the Census for your household, visit [2020census.gov](http://2020census.gov). When posting online, please use #2020Census to encourage your family, friends, and loved ones to complete the census too.

I'd like to announce that the Military Tribute Banner Project is now active thanks to an idea from resident Anne Irving. Families will have the opportunity to purchase a banner on behalf of those currently serving and who have served in our American Armed Forces. The banners will be displayed on light poles throughout Park Ave and Union Ave and will be displayed from

Memorial Day to Veteran's Day. Please take a look at our website for the application on the Permits, Licenses & Applications page.

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,  
Council President Tom Mullahey