



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 186.

The resident with a positive result is 53 years old. The situation continues to be closely monitored by our Health Department. Our first responders continue to take all possible precautions when assisting our community.

You may have seen the devastating news in which a fire affected two businesses in the heart of our downtown overnight: Jim Dandy's and Mambo Tea House. The Mayor, my fellow council members and I, are in contact with the owners of these businesses are doing everything within our powers to help them during this time. It's important to know that Mambo will move all their operations to their other facility, Mambo Empanadas, on Union Ave. Please support them by patronizing their Union Ave location at 313 Union Ave.

I'm happy to announce that effective 6:00 am Friday morning, Rutherford parks will open, with restrictions, for walking, running, jogging and biking. Memorial Field, Leisure Lane, Lincoln Park, Sunset Park and Van Winkle Park will be OPEN. Tryon Field, Wall Field and Tamblyn Field will be CLOSED. Playgrounds, picnic areas, basketball courts, tennis courts and bathrooms will remain closed.

Employees and park visitors should wear cloth face coverings except when doing so would inhibit that individual's health or individual is under two years of age. Social distancing is required to be practiced and no organized or contact activities or sports shall be allowed. Please read the entire [Borough policy regarding parks](#) on the Borough website.

The Census Day of Action is tomorrow, May 14th. To participate, contact 5 friends or family members to remind them to fill out the census. To raise awareness for the Census, local musician James McGill and his band Lifespeed will be touring the Borough Saturday afternoon. Listen for the music and enjoy!

This week is National Law Enforcement Week. We'd like to thank the Rutherford Police Department who have been doing an amazing job during this crisis. We are so thankful for Nation's law enforcement as they continue to stand on the front lines in the fight against this invisible war. This week salutes the service and sacrifice of federal, state, local and tribal law enforcement.

Sincerely,  
Councilman Ray Guzman