



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 187.

The resident with a positive result is 56 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.

We'd like to remind you that effective 6:00 am tomorrow 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 Tamblin Field will be CLOSED. Playgrounds, picnic areas, basketball courts, tennis courts and bathrooms will remain closed. Please read the entire [Borough policy regarding parks](#) on the Borough website.

Yesterday Governor Murphy issued [Executive Order # 142](#) which permits non-essential construction projects to resume on Monday as long as they adhere to social distancing, safety and sanitation requirements. The Rutherford Building Department is operational. If you need their services, please call ahead as the building is still open by appointment only. The Order also permits non-essential retail businesses to allow curbside pickup of goods, beginning at 6:00 a.m. on Monday, May 18, but businesses must continue to have their in-store operations closed to customers. Finally, the Order permits car gatherings such as, but not limited to, drive-in movies, religious services, or drive-through farms or safaris.

For families who are currently food insecure, the Meadowlands YMCA will be holding another Emergency Drive Thru Food Box Distribution on May 15th from 11:00 am until supplies last. The Meadowlands YMCA is located at 390 Murray Hill Parkway, East Rutherford. This service is provided by the Meadowlands Family Success Center and Meadowlands YMCA, in cooperation with the Community Food Bank of New Jersey. Each family is allowed one box and cars will line up and be loaded by staff. Please allow room in your car for the box. Since this is on a first come, first served basis, there is no registration required. With cars lining up as early as 7:00 am, please note although the start time is 11am, if the traffic becomes too heavy, the distribution will start earlier.

The Homefriends program, provided by 55 Kip Center, remains available to those who need wellness checks and assistance for those who cannot leave their homes. Contact Cathy Baviello at 201-460-1600 or cathy@55Kipcenter.org.

Sincerely,
Councilwoman Stephanie McGowan