



May 7th, 2020

Hello. The NJ State Communicable Disease Reporting and Surveillance System continues to have technical difficulties so unfortunately we cannot verify whether there have been any new COVID-19 cases in Rutherford. The Rutherford Health Department is not able to verify any additional positive cases at this time and continue to investigate with the help of the state and county and we will provide an update as soon as we can.

Now that we have been sheltering in place for over seven weeks, please think about individuals that you have not seen in a while. Please call, message or friends and neighbors who you have not heard from lately. We are all in this together.

Governor Murphy has extended the Public Health Emergency which gives the state the authority to battle the virus for another 30 days.

We acknowledge that it is difficult to maintain social distance as the weather gets warmer. Typically the spring is when Rutherfordians begin to gather and celebrate outdoors. We want to encourage you to continue to stay apart so that we can come together sooner rather than later.

Pandemics are stressful and everyone responds to these trying times differently. If you are feeling overwhelmed, stressed out, and depressed please reach out to your mental health provider and/or refer to the [resources made available on the Borough website](#).

If you're an open essential business or a business able to operate remotely, please add your contact information to the [Open Business List on the Borough website](#).

Please remember that the deadline for the Military Tribute Banner Program is this Friday, May 8th. [The application](#) can be found on the Borough website as well.

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