



May 8th, 2020

According to the Rutherford Health Department, as of 3:00 pm today, there has been one new case of COVID-19 reported in Rutherford since May 2nd. As we reported previously, the New Jersey state database had technical difficulties during the past week and we wanted to be conservative with our reporting until the number of cases could be completely verified. The total number of COVID-19 cases is now 177.

This is a time for cautious optimism. Rutherford has done a great job at complying with social distancing protocol. Our residents and businesses should be commended for their dedication to the health and safety of our community. If Rutherford continues to work together we can hopefully return to a more normal way of life sooner rather than later.

Our second Salute to Rutherford Heroes will take place tomorrow to honor frontline workers in our community that have been nominated by friends and family. Sirens you may hear tomorrow afternoon will be Rutherford honoring those who put their lives at risk on a regular basis for others. If you know a resident who has been working the frontlines in this pandemic and would enjoy a caravan saluting them, please email jbagnuolo@rutherfordboronj.com with your contact information and a brief explanation about why you're nominating them.

As our case numbers trend downward, the Borough will continue to review all our options for reopening parks in the most responsible way possible, while following guidance from Governor Murphy's Executive Orders. The health and safety of both our residents and first responders are the primary importance in determining how we move forward during these unprecedented times.

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.

The Mayor and Council will resume our updates on Monday, May 11th. We would like to wish everyone a Happy Mother's Day and we hope you enjoy your weekend.

Sincerely,
Mayor Frank Nunziato