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This afternoon the Borough released a video of a roundtable discussion recorded earlier this week that took place between Superintendent of Schools Jack Hurley, Health Inspector Brian O'Keefe and myself. The purpose of this discussion was to inform the residents of how the Rutherford Public Schools work with the Borough Health Department in order to keep our residents as safe and healthy as possible. It's about 20 minutes long but I ask that you watch the video in its entirety. The Health Department and public schools have always worked together efficiently and continue to do so during these difficult times.

Additionally, I'm proud to say that to my knowledge, Rutherford is the only town in the area that has daily updates of positive COVID cases charted and available to the public on its website. We have just added two new charts that compare Rutherford's case numbers as reported by the Rutherford Department of Health with County, State and National numbers. This data is pulled from the New York Times and The COVID Tracking Project. Please visit the COVID page on the Borough website where you will also find a link to the free COVID Alert NJ exposure notification app created by the state.

As we approach Halloween, I'd like to ask everyone to continue to be mindful of social distancing. Historically Park Avenue has been an extremely popular and therefore crowded area for trick-or-treating on Halloween. I'm asking people to refrain from trick-or-treating on Park Avenue this year as it typically results in crowding in and around the storefronts that make social distancing impossible. With the addition of cement barrier parklets and outdoor dining, space on Park Avenue is tight and not conducive to trick-or-treating. I thank you in advance for your cooperation.

The Borough has handed out 600 free Halloween safety signs to residents that announce whether or not they're accepting trick-or-treaters at their home. These signs were so popular that all the signs were picked up within a matter of hours. We are currently working on having another batch printed that hopefully will be available by Wednesday of next week. The Rec Department will post information when and if more become available.

Sincerely,  
Mayor Frank Nunziato