



October 8th, 2020

After consulting with the Borough's public health officials, we've determined we are able to resume recreational activities effective immediately.

The Health Department has conducted contact tracing and is confident that the recent cases reported are localized and confined. Please be advised that the Borough is currently drafting additional protocols to put in place and penalties for non-compliance.

If you or your child participates in any in-person program sponsored by the Rec Department we are requiring the family to notify the Rec Department immediately if they have been made aware that anyone in their household has received a positive COVID test. If you or your child has been notified that you've been in close contact with someone who has tested positive, you are required to quarantine for 14 days before returning to Borough activities.

Any family who fails to notify the Borough of a positive test within their household, or anyone deemed jeopardizing public health, will have all members of their household suspended from recreational activities sponsored by and/or associated with the Borough for one year.

The Borough is working with all youth sports organizations that operate within Rutherford to institute the same policies and penalties.

We understand how important recreation is for our youth, and we want to do everything possible to return them to playing in a safe manner. We will continue to make decisions about other events and activities in town and notify you of any changes.

The Health Department and all Borough officials will continue to consult the Bergen County Department of Health to take all precautions available in order to keep Rutherford safe, just as they have since the pandemic began.

We appreciate our community's support and cooperation. You can assist us by remaining vigilant but sensible in your approach to dealing with this health concern. The importance of honesty and transparency amongst community members during this time cannot be overstated. Failure to do so will jeopardize all youth programs as well as the public health of our friends and neighbors in Rutherford.

Sincerely,  
Mayor Frank Nunziato