

Hi, this is Mayor John Coiro. Wishing everyone a Happy New Year.

Now that 2020 is behind us, the total number of positive cases of Totowa residents for 2020 is 905. In the past few weeks, our town has been averaging 50-60 positive cases per week. Sadly, there have been 4 deaths recently from those who contracted the virus. So please be vigilant with the preventive measures you are all taking as positive cases are still high throughout the state of NJ and the country.

Now that the corona virus vaccine is becoming available, the NJ Department of Health has established a COVID vaccine website where residents can go to sign up and pre-register for the vaccine. The website to register is <https://covidvaccine.nj.gov>. Information related to the distribution of the vaccine and other pertinent information can be found there. You can also go to the Totowa website or our Totowa facebook page to obtain the link to this website.

As I announced in my New Year's address, we will be ending the distribution of free recycling barrels on February 28, 2021. We started this program late in 2019 so any resident who has not yet picked up their free barrel at the DPW garage on Furler Street should do so by then. There is a limit of one per household and these barrels are to be used for recycling only in order to keep our community a little cleaner on windy recycling pick up days as well as drive our trash costs lower.

I will send another message as events warrant.

Thank you