

Hello, this is Mayor John Coiro with an update.

As of today, June 11, we now have 307 Totowa residents who have been confirmed testing positive for the corona virus. The rate of confirmed positive cases continues to slow in our town. We will need to keep up the good work with the preventive measures you are all taking as the restrictions begin to ease. In Passaic County, the total confirmed positive has passed 18,700. Fortunately, there have not been any recent virus related deaths to our residents this past week.

I want to alert you that there will be road closures due to a planned protest march scheduled for Friday June 12 beginning at 5:30 PM at our municipal building. The march will begin soon afterward and is scheduled to proceed down Totowa Road to the Hillery Street Bridge and then into Woodland Park. Beginning sometime after 5 pm and continuing until approximately 6:30 there will be road closures along Totowa Road and streets that cross it in the area of the march. Please plan accordingly.

I also want to address an incident that occurred this week. Someone trespassed and destroyed a PRIDE flag as well as other property belonging to one of our residents. The resident was flying the flag in their backyard. This is unacceptable behavior to me. Each of us should feel safe in our own homes. We may not always agree with each other, but I am asking all of us to respect our neighbors. During this recent lock down due to the pandemic, I have seen our community come together. We abided by the restrictions and preventive measures, people volunteered their time, and our First responders received much needed donations. We are all Totowa residents and neighbors, so let's respect one another.

I will update you again as events warrant. Be safe.

Thank you