

Hello, this is Mayor John Coiro.

As of yesterday, we now have 179 Totowa residents who have been confirmed testing positive for the corona virus. I am saddened to report that Totowa now has its second confirmed death from the virus as well. In Passaic County, the total confirmed positive have passed 8700. If there is any silver lining to be found, it is that the rate of confirmed positives has slowed in recent days. We are not sure yet if this is a trend that will continue.

The Passaic County mobile testing site for the virus for County residents will reopen on Wednesday and operate through Saturday this week. As a reminder, the site is located in the parking lot at William Paterson University. They will test any Totowa resident as long as you have a scrip from your physician.

I want to remind you that curbside recycling pickup will be on Wednesday and Thursday, April 22 and 23 on your normal scheduled pickup day depending on where you live.

Quarterly property taxes are due on May 1. The normal grace period for payment without an interest charge is May 10. Due to the current situation we are facing, in order to help our residents, a resolution will be introduced at the April 28 Council meeting to extend the grace period from May 10 to June 30. As a reminder, the municipal building remains closed to the public. You can make your tax payment on line, through the mail, or deposit in the drop box located in the vestibule in the building next to the police department.

We continue to receive donations from residents and businesses to our first responders. It is heartening to see our community come together during these unusual times. As I have previously stated, we are not out of this yet. Please continue to practice all of the preventive measures you have seen and read about. I will update you again as events warrant. Be safe.

Thank you'