

Dear resident,

This is Mayor John Coiro. I would like to provide you with information regarding the corona virus. We have all heard and read about this virus and actions we can all take to slow down the spread of the virus. I will not repeat those recommendations on this call but please follow them to slow down the spread of the virus.

We have been in contact with State and County authorities regarding actions being taken at those levels, coordination with local towns, and protocols to follow. Over two weeks ago, the Governor and State Health Commissioner held a conference call that I participated in that outlined the steps that the State was taking as we braced for NJ residents to test positive. As a matter of fact, I was in contact with the Governor's office today. Our Passaic County liaison has held calls for the municipalities in the County and we have participated in those calls. Our police chief, fire chief, and head of the first aid squad have been in contact with their respective groups to discuss and coordinate efforts.

The Council and I have frequent communication with each other and local organizations to share information and stay abreast of developments. The safety of our residents is of utmost importance. Therefore, beginning Monday March 16, the Totowa Public Library will close until further notice. The Totowa PAL has suspended all activities until further notice. As students and their parents already know, the Totowa public schools and Passaic Valley High School will be closed for two weeks beginning Monday March 16. There will be virtual instruction provided to students. As this is a fluid situation, the schools will reassess whether to open before the two weeks have elapsed. The Municipal Building will remain open. We have increased our cleaning and disinfecting activities throughout the building in order to continue to serve our residents.

These are unprecedented times. While we do not publicize our efforts daily, rest assured that your Council and I are active in monitoring this fluid health emergency. Along with our first responders, municipal employees, and volunteers, we stand ready to assist our residents. Please contact us if you need assistance or have any questions. Totowa residents have always pulled through whenever a crisis has occurred and I have no doubt we will pull through again.

I will update you as events warrant. So, please, follow the recommended publicized preventive actions, be safe, and look out for your neighbor.

Thank you