

Hello, this is Mayor John Coiro.

As of yesterday, April 1, we now have 35 Totowa residents who have been confirmed testing positive for the corona virus. In Passaic County, the total confirmed positive has passed 1500. Our Borough Nurse has been following the protocols established by the Department of Health to try to trace who those confirmed have been in recent contact with. With increased testing now occurring, we expect the number of positive cases will increase.

As I mentioned in my last message, Passaic County has opened a mobile testing site for the virus for County residents in the parking lot at William Paterson University. They will test any Totowa resident as long as you have a scrip from your physician. The County has informed us that they will continue testing as long as they have test kits available.

All public buildings and playgrounds will remain closed until further notice. The Board of Adjustment meeting scheduled for April 8 and the Planning Board meetings scheduled for April 9 and 23 have been cancelled. To clarify my last message, curbside pickup of recyclables will continue on April 8 and 9 as scheduled depending on where you live. Recycling drop off at the DPW will also continue. But free recycling barrels for our residents is suspended until further notice.

During the last two weeks we have experienced an increase in sewer back-ups, primarily attributable to anti-bacterial wipes. So while I encourage you to be proactive and use antibacterial wipes, please throw the used wipes in the trash and do not flush them down the toilet. The sewer backup you prevent may be yours.

You can get much more information on State and County directives as well as information on municipal closures on our website and facebook site. Please contact us if you need assistance or have any questions. Any senior citizen who needs assistance can contact the Public Library as well.

And for your safety, please lock your doors and windows of any car you have parked in your driveway or on the street. And 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'