

Hello, this is Mayor John Coiro.

As of yesterday, April 10, we now have 115 Totowa residents who have been confirmed testing positive for the corona virus. I am saddened to report that Totowa also has its first confirmed death from the virus as well. In Passaic County, the total confirmed positive has passed 5200. With increased testing now occurring, we expect the number of positive cases will increase.

As previously reported, Passaic County has 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. Except for our Council meetings on April 14 and 28, which we must convene to keep our municipality operating, all other town meetings have been cancelled for April.

The number of sewer back-ups since my last message has significantly decreased so I appreciate your response to throwing antibacterial wipes in the trash. While we have begun reaching out to our senior citizens, if you are a senior and need assistance, please contact the Public Library.

I would also like to share some good news. I am heartened by all of the generosity of our Borough residents and businesses who have donated much needed supplies, such as gloves, masks, sanitizers, etc. to our first responders who are on the front lines. It is wonderful to see our community come together. And a shout out to our First Aid Squad, who are all volunteers.

The Easter Bunny will be passing through town tomorrow beginning at 11 AM. Please keep your families on the front porch to wave and do not approach the vehicle. We have also begun a birthday brigade, which you can read about on the Board of Recreation website.

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'