

Hello, this is Mayor John Coiro.

As of yesterday, April 27, we now have 220 Totowa residents who have been confirmed testing positive for the corona virus. I am sorry to report that Totowa now has six confirmed deaths from the virus as well. In Passaic County, the total confirmed positive has passed 12,000. As stated in my last message, the rate of confirmed positives has slowed recently. But we cannot let up just yet.

The Passaic County mobile testing site for the virus for County residents will be open this week weather permitting. 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.

In consultation with the American Legion, the Memorial Day parade and picnic is cancelled this year. Due to the advanced planning required and uncertainty surrounding the virus, the decision to cancel was made. We will endeavor to have an appropriate ceremony to honor those who sacrificed for our freedom.

As a reminder, 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 Council meeting tonight to extend the grace period from May 10 to June 30. 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.

I want to once again thank all of our first responders who are on the front lines of this virus. Their courage toward our residents is indeed inspiring. 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'