

Hello, this is Mayor John Coiro with an update.

As of yesterday, May 28, we now have 296 Totowa residents who have been confirmed testing positive for the corona virus. The rate of confirmed positive cases continues to slow in our town. So keep up the good work with the preventive measures you are all taking. In Passaic County, the total confirmed positive has passed 17,600. Fortunately, there have not been any reported virus related deaths to our residents in the past week.

In addition to the Passaic County mobile testing site at William Paterson University that you have heard me mention before, beginning next week, Passaic County will offer “saliva” testing for the virus. This will be free of charge for residents of Passaic County. There will be “at home” tests that you can order on-line as well as a mobile site you can visit. Details are still being worked out but I wanted to give you advance notice. Stay tuned for further details next week.

This is a final reminder that property taxes that were due on May 1 must be paid by Monday, June 1 in order to avoid an interest charge. For payments to be received timely, you can drop off your payment in the vestibule adjacent to the police headquarters, or pay on line.

Senator Kristin Corrado, the Council, and I are thrilled to announce that Totowa’s response to the Blood Drive we are sponsoring has sold out. All appointment slots have been reserved. Blood supplies are low in our hospitals so to have this type of response is a testament to our residents’ generosity and caring.

Beginning June 1, we will resume distributing recycling containers to any household that did not receive one earlier this year. You can pick up the recycling barrel free of charge at the DPW garage located at 136 Furler Street from 8AM-2PM Monday through Friday. There will be signs directing you to the back of the building. One container per household and please bring identification as this is for Totowa residents only.

I will update you again as events warrant. Be safe.

Thank you’