

Hi, this is Mayor John Coiro with an update.

As of June 24, we remain at 307 Totowa residents who have been confirmed testing positive for the corona virus. This is the same figure I reported to you the last two weeks. We are not sure if the reporting by the NJ Department of Health is slow in reporting or these figures are accurate. The situation has improved though and I hope this trend continues. We will need to keep up the good work with the preventive measures you are all taking as the restrictions in NJ continue to ease. In Passaic County, the total confirmed positive has passed 19,000 and the County rate is also easing.

As I mentioned in my last message, Passaic County is offering saliva tests to Totowa residents in order to test for the corona virus. These saliva tests can be ordered through the Passaic County website and are free of charge. Additionally, you can drive to the mobile test site at Passaic Valley High School tomorrow, June 29 from 9AM-3PM to be administered the saliva test. It is free and no prescription necessary. Just bring ID with you. And do not eat, drink, smoke or chew gum for at least 30 minutes prior to testing. There are also other mobile sites throughout the county on various dates. Check the Totowa website for details.

The Totowa Health Department is issuing a Rabies Alert to residents who may have had contact with a rabid raccoon found in the area of Washington Place in Totowa. The raccoon, which was picked up by Paterson's Animal Control Division on June 20, and tested by the New Jersey Department of Health Public Health Laboratories, was confirmed to have tested positive for rabies. If you suspect that you, a family member or your pet has come into contact with this raccoon or another raccoon in the area, immediately call the Totowa Health Department for any general questions or contact your healthcare provider to determine the best course of action.

I will update you again as events warrant. Please be safe.

Thank you'