

Hi, this is Mayor John Coiro.

As of July 30, the NJ Department of Health is reporting that we have 309 Totowa residents who have been confirmed testing positive for the corona virus. This is actually a decrease from my last message as the State continues to refine its figures. However, we do know that we have 5 new cases reported yesterday. So please, continue to be vigilant with the preventive measures you are all taking as we do not want to see a surge in positive cases here in Totowa.

Passaic County is offering saliva tests to Totowa residents 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 any mobile test site to be administered the saliva test. It is free and no prescription is necessary. Just bring your ID with you. And do not eat, drink, smoke or chew gum for at least 30 minutes prior to testing. On August 7, Passaic Valley High School will host a mobile test site and on August 12, the Passaic County Planning Dept located at 930 Riverview Drive here in Totowa will host a mobile test site. Check the Totowa website for the other dates and locations.

This week, the town mailed estimated property tax bills to property owners. Since the State of NJ has not yet adopted its budget, the town cannot finalize its property tax rate and thus estimated tax bills were necessary. We waited until this week to mail to give our residents until August 25 to pay your property taxes. As the municipal building remains closed to the public, you can pay by mail, on-line, or place in the drop box in the vestibule by the police station. For the month of August, our municipal staff will observe summer hours and will be available by phone or email. Hours will be Monday through Thursday from 8:45 am until 5 pm and Friday from 8:45 am until 12:15 pm.

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

Thank you'