

## A Note from Mayor Joanne Minichetti

I hope everyone is doing well and staying home as much as possible. Upper Saddle River currently has nine positive cases of Coronavirus. The Borough receives an update each evening. As testing becomes more available, we can expect a spike in numbers. As of yesterday, NJ had 6,876 cases statewide and 81 deaths. Of that total, Bergen County had 1,206 cases with 18 deaths. Of the 1,220 tests statewide – 436 were positive, approximately 36%. A similar percentage of tests were positive in Bergen County or 31.7%. Of those testing positive:

14% were ages 18-29

35% ages 30-49

30% ages 50-64

14% ages 65-79

This shows that young people do need to follow the orders of social distancing and that they are not immune. Again, thank you to everyone who is sheltering at home. Our physicians, nurses, first responders and health workers are risking their lives and those of their family members to care for anyone who needs help. We all need to do our part to assist them.

A new testing site will be opening, likely this weekend, at New Bridge Medical Center. First responders, health care workers will have first priority. Everyone will need to be screened through a telemed system and, if approved for testing, will receive an appointment. Bergen County residents with a doctor's note and those 60 or older will also receive screening and if approved, receive a test.

The FEMA testing site at Bergen Community College will be testing first responders and health workers exhibiting symptoms such as fever or respiratory distress only this Saturday, March 27.

A temporary hospital is expected to open at the Meadowlands Convention Center in the next two weeks. As information is received, it will be distributed.

Another warning to all residents – there has been one vehicle theft and one Coronavirus-related scam in Upper Saddle River. Please remove keys and valuables from your cars and keep them locked. And please use caution with offers of cures, preventative tools etc. If you are suspicious of an offer, call the Police Department before spending money.

Yesterday, March 26th, County Executive James Tedesco issued Order 2020-01D which orders the closure of Ramapo Valley Reservation, Darlington County Park and Campgaw Mountain Reservation as of 8 am on Friday, March 27th. The remaining County parks were ordered closed as of Saturday, March 28th.

Census 2020 information should have been received. I encourage all residents to take a few minutes to fill out the form, or do it on-line at [my2020census.gov](https://my2020census.gov). It is very simple and important that an accurate count is tallied.

Please be safe.