

Message from the Mayor, March 30

New cases bring Township's total to 13

As of Monday, March 30, 2020, the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in Chatham Township has risen to 13, following the addition of 1 new case on Sunday and 4 new cases on Monday.

Four new confirmed cases is Chatham Township's largest one-day increase since the start of the coronavirus pandemic. The daily update released Monday by our Regional Department of Health repeated the statement that increases were anticipated due to the increased availability of commercial lab testing and the opening of mass testing sites.

Morris County, in coordination with Atlantic Health System, opened a COVID-19 drive-thru testing center at the County College of Morris in Randolph starting on Monday. Only Morris County residents who have a prescription from a doctor and have pre-scheduled an appointment for testing through the county's COVID-19 appointment portal will be allowed to enter the testing site. For information and to make an appointment, residents should visit <https://health.morriscountynj.gov/COVIDTesting>

Health officials have repeatedly reminded us that the number of new confirmed cases is not an accurate count of the presence of the coronavirus in a community. The important message is that anyone, including ourselves, could be carrying the coronavirus and not yet be displaying symptoms.

Our sincere thanks to all the Chatham Township residents who are taking thoughtful steps to protect themselves and others by limiting trips from their homes, practicing safe social distancing when they do, and who are washing their hands frequently. Please continue to exercise these best practices to limit the spread of the coronavirus.

Please be careful and stay healthy.

Michael Kelly

Chatham Township Mayor