

Dear Haworth Neighbor:

This week's Update begins with good news and a major challenge. The good news is that we have one confirmed case this past week – the lowest week-to-week change in two months. This brings our total cases to 35 since the beginning of the pandemic. The major challenge is to understand how we accomplished this and to bring our total new cases in a week to zero.

How did we do this? By rigorous and consistent adherence to what we have called Best Practices – staying home as much as possible: maintaining six feet distance between ourselves and others at all times (even when difficult and hard to remember); wearing a mask when outside and unable to socially distance or in contact with others (yes, they are uncomfortable and unattractive – but you may be saving your life or that of a friend); and washing your hands or using a sanitizer (even after the slightest contact with doors, surfaces, or friends). None of this is pleasant – it can intrude on the full enjoyment of a beautiful day – but we owe it to each other to take the challenge to keep Haworth healthy and strong – with zero new cases.

### **SUMMARY THOUGHTS:**

It takes a village to create and sustain a community – we are a community – do your part – stay home – stay well – stay safe – our village needs you.

### **MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY – WE NEED TO HEAR FROM YOU:**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we must cancel the annual Memorial Day Parade scheduled for Monday, May 25. The borough is in the process of arranging a socially-distanced way to honor all those who have served and continue to serve in our military.

Please email Janet Gallagher at [Gallagher@haworthnj.org](mailto:Gallagher@haworthnj.org), by May 18<sup>th</sup>, the names and addresses of any Haworth veteran (including yourself) or active-duty members.

### **COMMEMORATION OF THOSE WE HAVE LOST:**

To honor the passing of resident Jack Ferber and the many years he served Haworth on town committees and through fundraising efforts, we will be creating a memorial area on the grounds of the Haworth Library, which benefitted greatly from his dedication and commitment. This site will be a joint effort of the many who knew him, worked with him and loved him. We will update you as the plans develop.

NVD Performing Art Parents are coordinating a drive by the home of Jordan Falco on Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 3pm to commemorate what would have been his 17<sup>th</sup> birthday. To participate in this Caravan of Care, please line up on Columbus Avenue via Durie in Closter heading to Hardenburgh at 3 pm. The Demarest Police will escort us and supervise that we all remain in our cars. We also ask that you wear Blue and White. Signs, balloons and any other creative, loving messages and symbols you can think of are welcome.

### **HELP HAWORTH BUSINESSES:**

Our Haworth businesses that have always been there for us are still there for us now. Please support them as much as you can. All of your essentials are readily available by shopping

Haworth. The restaurants are open for business and can feed you and your family when you need a break from cooking.

All Haworth businesses are following safe practices and offer pickup options including curbside and delivery. So place your orders, purchase gift cards and give them your support.

### **MESSAGE FROM THE POLICE COMMISSIONER AND CHIEF GRACEY:**

With only one new confirmed case this week, there is reason for optimism and satisfaction. That being said, as the weather has gotten warmer and people are spending more time outdoors, there have been several instances of people violating social distancing policy and using the Borough parks. It is important to remember to continue the diligent observance of social distancing and Borough park closures so the positive trend continues.

Birthday Drive-Bys (age 10 and under only) – email Chief Gracey at [mgracey@haworthnj.org](mailto:mgracey@haworthnj.org).

To contact the Haworth Police Department call 201-384-1900. Dispatchers in Mahwah will promptly relay your call to our officers.

### **TESTING CENTERS UPDATE:**

**BERGEN COMMUNITY COLLEGE (BCC) FEMA SITE:** Anyone (*including asymptomatic people*) who wishes to be tested can now be tested at Bergen Community College (BCC).

- The BCC drive-thru testing site schedule will be 500 tests per day on Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. The site will be closed Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday. The site will be open from 8:00am-4:00pm. First come, first serve.
- We have recently been advised by FEMA that this site will be supported through May 31, 2020.

**BERGEN NEW BRIDGE MEDICAL CENTER TESTING SITE:** Will now be open *7 days a week*.

- You must be a Bergen County resident, first responder, or healthcare worker.
- In addition, all municipal employees who work in any of the County's 70 municipalities, regardless of residency and all County employees, regardless of residency. Proof of employment within the municipality or the County will be required.
- You **MUST** be symptomatic to be tested. *You must be screened by telehealth and then you will be given an appointment. You cannot just show up to this site.*
- Please visit <https://www.newbridgehealth.org/bergen-covid19-screening/> to be screened through the online portal or contact telehealth at 201-204-0712.