

## CITY OF PLAINFIELD

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## From the Mayor's Office

Thirty-Five (35) Confirmed Cases of the Coronavirus in Plainfield – First COVID-19 Related Fatality

March 27, 2020

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As of March 27, Plainfield has thirty five (35) confirmed cases of COVID-19. The patients range in age from sixteen (16) to ninety-six (96).

I am saddened to share that we had our first COVID-19 related death. The deceased is a sixty-nine (69) year old male with underlying medical conditions. He succumbed last night at JFK hospital. My deepest condolences go out to his family; our hearts are with them at this difficult time.

I need to reiterate my message from yesterday and very strongly reinforce how VITALLY IMPORTANT it is for everyone to stay at home and off the streets as much as possible. Unless you need to leave for an emergency, such as to get food or medicine, you need to stay indoors, no exceptions!

We are ramping up security measures and will do what we have to, to enforce the Governors mandate of **essential travel ONLY**. The best way to beat the spread of this virus is to isolate, and we will NOT continue to overlook the carelessness of a few at the expense of the larger community.

The new norm of social distancing is the strongest weapon we have in our arsenal to contain the spread of COVID-19. Ironically, staying apart will bring us closer together. We must sacrifice now, so we can stay healthy in the long run.

I remind you that we are in this together and I will continue to send regular updates to keep you informed Stay positive, stay healthy, wave from a distance and together we will beat COVID-19.

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Sincerely,

Adrian O. Mapp, Mayor

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