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## From the Mayor's Office

### Seventy Three (73) Confirmed Cases of COVID-19 in Plainfield – Update on Muhlenberg

March 30, 2020

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As of March 30, the number of positive COVID-19 cases in Plainfield has climbed to seventy-three, including five (5) City of Plainfield employees. We are now operating on a very modified schedule at City Hall while doing all we can to continue to provide our residents with vital services. Please refrain from coming to City Hall if at all possible.

Beginning tomorrow, our essential DPW staff will begin sanitizing bus shelters and public benches.

In a conversation with the Governor's office, earlier today, I was informed that the Army Core Of Engineers will not be moving ahead with the proposal to reinstate Muhlenberg as a hospital, in order to help with the demands that the coronavirus has placed on our healthcare system. The primary reasons for not using the site were the cost to renovate, and the time it would take to get it ready. I know many of you were looking forward to seeing hospital beds returned to Muhlenberg, however that short term hope will not materialize. In the meantime, we will continue to work with CHA to refurbish the site and move forward with the vision of a medical mall at that site.

I encourage everyone to stay positive even though the situation may seem overwhelming at times. We have come through many adversities and have overcome seemingly insurmountable odds. We will do so once again and rise because that is the human spirit and it's the Plainfield way.

A wise person once said, "It is only in our darkest hours that we may discover the true strength of the brilliant light within ourselves that can never, ever, be dimmed."

I thank all of you for embracing the recommended precautionary measures, for adhering to physical distancing and for staying at home and off the streets. If you have to go outdoors, wear a mask if you can.

Please stay positive, stay healthy, and let that brilliant light shine brightly from within; and together we will beat COVID-19.

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Sincerely,

Adrian O. Mapp, Mayor