

# Letter from Mayor Goldberg

1-11-21

Dear Resident,

School reopened today; please drive carefully around schools and areas where children are walking.

Today's numbers as of this morning are 1,455 total positives since March, with 21 fatalities and 94 active cases. Numbers during the last week were as high as 117 active cases.

Please do not let your guard down or return to risky behavior. We must all do our part in order to win this battle. I can't stress enough the need for social distancing and wearing masks. It's inconvenient, hurts our ears, makes it tough to breathe, but the effort, however, is worth it. It is saving lives.

I am so pleased with how you have been supporting our local restaurants; now with a combination of outdoor and indoor dining it is easy to help them. Don't forget to shop local - let's help all our Hawthorne businesses.

*Today a COVID testing site opened at 565 Lafayette Avenue (at the old Chase Bank - appointment is necessary. This is associated with Dr. Peter Berger's office. Sign up at <https://www.solvhealth.com/pasc-drive-thru-rapid-testing-hawthorne-nj-gq3VEA>*

This is not a Hawthorne, County or State site. I cut the red tape to get them open, because I believe there is a need for it in the Borough.

Vaccines have begun in the State and the County. It is imperative that you register on the State or County vaccine website to ensure you will be notified when your group is called. Vaccines will be by reservation; this will avoid long lines.

I know you are aware that the Borough has a non-perishable food pantry. If you need food and can't afford or can't get to a supermarket, please call the Board of Health at 973-427-4011 or 973-427-4012. Many thanks to those people who have donated food to the Borough's food pantry as well as supplies and food for our first responders.

Please don't hesitate to call the Borough offices or my office directly at 973-427-1168 should you need assistance.

Sincerely,  
Mayor Goldberg