



March 22, 2020

Dear Elizabeth Community Member:

We hope this finds you and your family well and safe in these unprecedented times.

As a city and school district, we have taken extraordinary steps -- as those throughout the state and country have -- to combat COVID-19. With additional testing will come additional reports of cases in our community. But together we will confront these difficult time, overcome them and move forward as a community

Closing schools, businesses and imposing curfews are needed to limit the spread of this virus. So is extensive testing.

Beginning Monday, those in our community will be able to be tested at a drive-through facility locally, at Kean University.

There are two conditions for testing:

- You must have a prescription from your doctor or healthcare provider.
- You must schedule an appointment.

If you suspect you have COVID-19 symptoms, there is a self-assessment tool that you should use that has been developed by the State of New Jersey. This tool will assist you to determine what actions you can take to protect you and your loved ones' health and help determine whether you should be tested for COVID-19, and can be accessed at <https://self.covid19.nj.gov/>

Securing the first state testing facility for our community required extraordinary efforts. We'd like to thank the Overlook Medical Center (Atlantic Health System) in Summit, the Trinitas Regional Medical Center in Elizabeth, and Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital (RWJ Barnabas Health) in Rahway. The Freeholder Board, County Manager and his staff worked with State Senators Joseph P. Cryan, Nicholas P. Scutari, Governor Phil Murphy's office, Kean University, and the New Jersey State Department of Health in bringing the facility online.

We are in daily contact with federal, state and county officials to keep you informed and our services in place.

The **only** official sources for Elizabeth-specific information are Mayor J. Christian Bollwage and the Superintendent of Schools, Olga Hugelmeyer. Official information will also be posted on the city's website: **www.elizabethnj.org** (under news and announcements on the homepage) and the school's website: **www.epsnj.org** and/or their related social media accounts:

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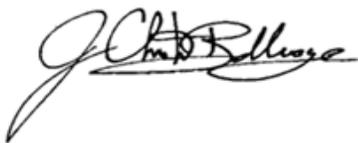
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We will continue to keep you updated.

Sincerely,



J. Christian Bollwage
Mayor



Olga Hugelmeyer
Superintendent of Schools