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Dear Verona Residents,

I am writing to again inform you that we have been advised by the Health Officer of an additional positive COVID-19 test of a Verona resident.

This follows the first positive test of a resident which was reported on Wednesday, March 18, 2020 and brings our total confirmed cases to two (2).

- The first new case is a 62-year-old male and is currently admitted at Hackensack Meridian Mountainside Medical Center for treatment.
- The second new case is a 50-year-old female who is under quarantine at home.

Unfortunately, it is anticipated that the number of positive cases will continue to rise as testing becomes more readily available to the public. These increases should not create panic or overly alarm anyone. However, we must all take responsible actions. As it is inevitable that the number of cases will rise, it will be impossible for me to notify the Township at large of every positive case. We will make every attempt to keep the Township's website up to date with the status of positive cases in Verona.

**I want to stress to every resident the importance of staying home with your family and eliminating contact with others outside your home. Social distancing is the only way in which to reduce your risk and exposure to contracting the virus. Should you exhibit any symptoms of illness, consult your personal healthcare provider to discuss treatment.**

The County of Essex is working with Federal and State officials to soon open a COVID-19 Screening POD. More information will follow. Working together, we will come through this, however we must all be vigilant in remaining apart for the time being.

Best regards,

MATTHEW CAVALLO  
Township Manager  
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