March 20, 2020

Dear Residents,

As the mayor of our great community I would like to assure you of the utmost support Old Tappan is receiving by way of our Regional Board of Health office, our Borough’s Emergency Services departments, our Borough Administrator and OEM team, our Local Assistance Board and your Mayor and Council. As a member of both the Pascack Valley Mayors and the Northern Valley Mayors associations, I continue to meet and communicate regularly with the Mayors of our neighboring towns to share best practices and policies to keep you as safe as we possibly can under the circumstances.

As of this morning, our regional Health Officer reported eight (8) confirmed cases and one (1) death here in Old Tappan. As of late yesterday, there were 4 reported locally and nearly 200 cases throughout 52 of the 70 Bergen County towns with 3 deaths. As you can see these numbers are changing exponentially. Due to HIPAA laws our Health Officer is permitted to report only the number of cases in any given town; no further information can be released. Old Tappan is a strong community, but these confirmed cases are a reminder to all that we are not immune to current public health concerns. With today’s opening of a F.E.M.A. drive-in testing sight at the Bergen Community College in Paramus, a spike in reported cases is anticipated throughout the county.

All residents can make a deliberate effort to stop the transmission of COVID-19 by practicing social distancing. Please continue to heed all the recommendations of the CDC and it is similarly important that those with questions seek appropriate guidance and medical care at the direction of primary care physicians.

Please continue to support one another during this challenging time. Maintain the faith, stay calm, be cautious of false rumors, and communicate with family and friends as we endure this pandemic.

Sincerely,

Mayor John M. Kramer