March 23, 2020

Good Evening:

While we sincerely hoped that we would not see a confirmed case within our borough, Wallington has received notification today that we have our first confirmed report of a resident with the COVID-19 or the Coronavirus. Please realize that due to HIPAA Laws, we cannot disclose further information on this patient. Receiving this information is a stark reminder that we need to be vigilant and comply with Governor Murphy’s Executive Orders, follow the World Health Organization and CDC guidelines of social distancing (6ft to 10ft) and wash hands frequently (for 20 seconds or longer with soap and water).

With the recent warmer weather, we have seen an increase in groups of children congregating closely together; not practicing the social distancing protocol. While some children may feel that they are immune, we must remember that others, including older or immunocompromised residents, are not. I know this is a very difficult time for everyone, especially for our children, who may not understand the gravity of the situation. Following these orders will help prevent the spread, flatten the curve, and in turn, help us move past this together as the strong, tight-knit community that we call home.

Together we will get through this event and come back stronger than ever.

Best Regards,

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Mayor Melissa Dabal