Good Evening, I hope this call finds you and your family well as we all continue to fight through this emergency together. As Mayor, I would like to thank all of the citizens of Fairfield for their continued patience and cooperation in adhering to the executive orders issued by our governor for all of our continued well-being. So you know, each morning, our emergency management team meets to monitor and discuss the latest COVID 19 details, trends and strategies after receiving a morning briefing from the New Jersey State Police Regional Operations and Intelligence Center.

If you are not aware, April 21st marked the day that Essex County experienced its greatest number of deaths since this pandemic began. Unfortunately, it also marked the date when Essex took over as the county with the most COVID19 deaths anywhere in the state. I make you aware of this, not to scare you, but to greatly emphasize that we are still very much within the apex of this emergency. Town wide, Fairfield currently has 90 positive cases and unfortunately, to date, our community has suffered 6 COVID19 related deaths.

I know, as the nicer weather is approaching, some of our citizens will be disappointed that our parks still presently remain closed to the public. Truly, there is no one that would like to reopen our parks and restore some normalcy to our community more than I and the governing body. But from what I indicated earlier, unfortunately the time for that is still not here.

Please remember if we all do our part as recommended by the CDC, wash our hands frequently, contain coughs into a tissue or elbow, stay home when not feeling well, clean surfaces frequently AND USE SOCIAL DISTANCING we will mitigate the spread of this virus much sooner.

Thank you and stay safe.