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For Immediate Release
First Case of 2019 Coronavirus (COVID-19) in the Borough of Roseland
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The Borough of Roseland Office of Emergency Management team has been preparing for the potential of a coronavirus outbreak in our area. Residents should be assured that we are taking all necessary steps to deal with this virus. Representatives from all our departments have been meeting since January to discuss our plans to address our entire community.

Please be advised the **Roseland Board of Health**, in conjunction with NJ Department of Health (NJDOH) has confirmed its **first** case of COVID-19 in **The Borough of Roseland**. As you are all aware this is a fluid situation which will may result in additional cases being identified.

While the risk of infection to the general public still remains low, should a person start showing symptoms of COVID-19, which include fever, cough and shortness of breath, residents must contact their healthcare provider. Even though the risk is low, **People who have these symptoms should contact their healthcare provider prior to visiting the hospital or a healthcare setting.**

Currently, there is no vaccination for COVID-19. The **Roseland Board of Health** is encouraging all residents to take simple precautions to protect themselves and others from respiratory illness:

Residents are asked to be cautious about rumors and some less-than-accurate reports about this virus. Keep informed by obtaining information from trusted and reliable sources, including the Centers for Disease Control, New Jersey Department of Health, and the Borough of Roseland.

As always, please use common sense and error to the side of safety when making family decisions on social distancing.

Please refer to the Roseland website at: <https://www.roselandnj.org/> for up to date information.

Feel free to call the NJ COVID-19 Information Public Call Center at 1-800-962-1253. Or

Call NJ 211 or text NJCOVID to 898-211 to receive text information and to stay informed. To receive live text assistance, residents can text their zip code to 898-211.

The NJ Department of Human Services operates a toll free "warm line" which is a resource for people seeking mental health services. (877) 294-HELP (4357).

Hon. Mayor James R. Spango

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'James R. Spango'. The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial 'J'.