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Dear Fellow Residents,

This past week was a very difficult period in Wanaque with the onset of the COVID-19 virus. Last Sunday it was disclosed that 8 people had died from COVID-19 at a local nursing home. Since then 6 more people in Wanaque have died from this disease. Four at local nursing homes and two from the community. It was also reported that 82 residents have tested positive for the COVID-19 virus through yesterday. Many of those infected are patients or employees at the nursing homes. However, the number of residents infected outside of the nursing homes is increasing.

We cannot stress enough the need to be extremely vigilant in keeping social distance at all times. With Easter and Passover coming soon, it is very important that we all stay home and celebrate with just the immediate family members who live in your house. This year we must all avoid those large family gatherings that we all look forward to each spring. An unknowingly infected friend or relative can pass on the virus to others.

One of the people from our community that died this past week was a very healthy person who was home avoiding contact with the public. A very good friend stopped by her house to inform her that the friend's husband was in the final stages of terminal cancer. The women hugged and cried together for hours. Less than a week later the friend became ill. The resident became ill a few days after that. Both tragically passed away this week from the COVID-19 virus.

This epidemic is serious. It can affect anyone. Due to the length of time between becoming infected and first showing symptoms, the virus is unknowingly being spread. Don't take the risk. Stay home for the holidays this year. Instead, call or facetime friends and relatives for the holidays. Stay safe.

Updated information will continue to be posted regularly on the Wanaque Borough web site at [www.wanaqueborough.com](http://www.wanaqueborough.com) and also on the Wanaque Municipal Facebook page and Wanaque Police Facebook page.

We all must work together and be diligent in our efforts to stop the spread of COVID-19 virus.

Sincerely,

Mayor Dan Mahler