



Hi {{first name}},

I hope everything is going as well as it can for you during this challenging and uncertain time.

I wanted to give you a few updates on what we've been working on in response to this global pandemic:

1. Everyone who needs a test, gets a test

NJPIRG and our national network just launched a national campaign calling for the new head of the coronavirus testing response to adopt four critical measures to ensure that everyone who needs a COVID19 test gets it as soon as possible. Our national goal is 100,000 petitions by the second week of April! You can [sign the petition here](#).

2. #PledgeToStayHome

In an abundance of caution, the best response young people can take to keep our community safe is to stay home as much as possible to prevent further transmission. By showing college students that the new social norm is to stay home and stay safe, more young people will take the pledge. That's why we're asking Rutgers students to take the pledge to stay home. Some of our students have made a [video](#) about why they're staying home

3. Local Needs Assessment

Shelters across the country are grappling with the enormous challenge of increasing capacity to get more people off the streets and increasing space between the beds within their facilities to reduce the risk of spread, all without the volunteers they once relied on. We'll be launching fundraisers for local shelters and homeless services organizations, and connect those that are newly in need because of the pandemic with much needed resources.

We're still working on our other campaigns too!

Our **New Voters Project** is working hard to set up for next year and is planning to educate students on how to vote by mail in the upcoming elections

Plastics and **Save the Bees** campaigns have moved online and are continuing to collect petitions and engage Rutgers students. The Bees team is even planning to host a Netflix Party later in the semester!

The **Affordable Textbooks** campaign is continuing its work to reach out to professors on campus about the OAT Grant program, as well as educate them on how to apply before the deadline (May 4th)

As you can see, we're working on a *lot* despite these new circumstances and we'd love to talk with you more on how we can further help the Rutgers community! We'd love to talk with you further about how you can help with these campaigns and what role NJPIRG can play in making sure Rutgers students are staying safe, healthy, and productive! **Do you have time to meet with us this week?**