

Township of



West Caldwell

**Mayor's Message of October 16, 2020**

**This is West Caldwell Mayor Joe Tempesta with a public service announcement.**

**Please be advised the West Caldwell Health Department has informed us as of today Friday October 16 we currently have six (6) new confirmed cases of Covid-19 in West Caldwell's general population since last week. As I mentioned over the last several weeks, the State of NJ is finally beginning to update, correct, and adjust reported Covid case numbers going all the way back to the beginning of the Pandemic**

**Of the 6 new confirmed cases, 3 individuals are home quarantining and recovering. The other 3 individuals have already recovered. Since the beginning of the Pandemic we have had a total of 166 cases, of which, we had 8 citizens pass away in our general population. Thankfully we have had 155 cases closed whereby those citizens are recovered and are no longer quarantined.**

**We are thankful the community is being diligent in social distancing and the wearing of masks particularly when you cant's social distance. We encourage all of you to continue this practice for the foreseeable future.**

**We also want to remind parents particularly parents with young student adults at home or returning home from College, please make sure they social distance and wear a mask whenever possible. Local house parties tend to be an incubator for the Covid-19 virus and we are simply trying to remind all of you to be careful.**

**I ask all of you to be mindful that throughout the State and getting closer to home Covid cases are on the rise. It's very straightforward what we need to do – wash you hands frequently, wear a mask as often as you can, particularly in public and socially distance. We've come a long way as a community and let's try and keep it that way.**

**In our two skilled nursing facilities combined we have no current Covid cases in Crane's Mill and Hackensack Meridian Health WC Care Center and that has been steady now for 6 consecutive weeks. Tragically though since the beginning of the Pandemic we have had 44 deaths in those facilities.**

**I also ask that you continue to join me in thanking all our first responders and teachers. I also thank you for continuing to patronize our restaurants and retail stores**

**For additional information regarding the corona virus 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).**

**Thank you.**