

Township of



West Caldwell

Mayor's Message of October 23, 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 23 we currently have eight (8) 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. We expect in the next week or two for the State to reconcile with hospitals throughout New Jersey which will further adjust the number of Covid cases accordingly.

Of the 8 new confirmed cases, 3 individuals are home quarantined and recovering. The other 5 individuals have already recovered. Since the beginning of the Pandemic we have had a total of 174 cases, of which, we've had 8 citizens pass away in our general population. Thankfully we have had 163 cases closed whereby those citizens are recovered and are no longer quarantined.

We encourage all of you to continue the practice of social distancing and the wearing of masks 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.

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 7 consecutive weeks.

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.