

**MESSAGE FROM MAYOR JOE TEMPESTA – March 23, 2020**

This is West Caldwell Mayor Joseph Tempesta with a special public service announcement. The Township of West Caldwell continues to monitor the Coronavirus outbreak in our area. Residents should be assured we are taking all necessary steps to deal with this virus. Please be advised the West Caldwell Health Department has informed us that there are now six confirmed case of COVID19 in West Caldwell. As you are all aware, this is a fluid situation, which may result in additional cases being identified as individuals continue to be tested.

Should a person start showing those symptoms of COVID19 with fever, cough and shortness of breath residents must contact their health care provider. Even though the risk is low, individuals should contact their health care provider prior to visiting the hospital or a health care setting.

As of Saturday evening, Governor Murphy announced a “Stay at Home” and closure of all non-essential retail businesses. Residents are asked to please be understanding of the acceptable social distancing and more than several people gathering. Parents, we continue to ask you especially to be extra vigilant making sure your children do not gather in groups. We ask that everyone be mindful that all playgrounds, tennis courts and fields remain closed.

Town Hall offices are now closed to the public. Please utilize the secure mailbox in the front of Town Hall for any payments. The lobby only will also be open so you can ascertain common forms and applications, as well as drop off permit applications. Tax, water and pool membership payments may be made online. If you need to speak with staff directly, you may call our main number at 973-226-2300 and ask for the appropriate department.

For additional information, please visit our website at [westcaldwell.com](http://westcaldwell.com).

We will continue to update you periodically. Thank you.