

Mayor Tempesta's Message of March 31, 2020

This is West Caldwell Mayor Joe Tempesta with an update on the coronavirus outbreak throughout our area and for our community.

Please be mindful that with the increased availability of tests and testing locations throughout the Tri-State area the number of cases will increase including our community and the surrounding areas.

Please be advised the West Caldwell Health Department has informed us that there are 19 confirmed cases of coronavirus in West Caldwell and we have had one citizen pass away from the virus. We ask that you pray for those who have the virus and to pray for those families that have lost their loved ones.

If a person is to start showing symptoms of COVID-19, which include fever, cough and shortness of breath, residents must contact their healthcare provider prior to visiting the hospital or a healthcare setting.

Individuals with mild symptoms should stay home if they are sick and follow the guidance of their health care provider.

All Residents are encouraged to practice social distancing and avoid large crowds and gatherings, practice good hand hygiene, and stay home if you are sick.

As a reminder the Caldwell-WC Public Schools are closed until further notice.

We ask that you patronize our local businesses by using technology to make your purchases on line as well patronize our restaurants by using their takeout and delivery services.

I would like to thank the entire West Caldwell Community for understanding their role trying to do our part in stopping the spread Covid-19.

A very special thanks to our first responder's particularly our Police and great volunteers from our West Essex First Aid Squad and West Caldwell Volunteer Fire Department.

For additional information 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).

Please be safe, be smart, and be West Caldwell.

Thank you.