

Township of



West Caldwell

**Mayor Tempesta's Message of April 17, 2020**

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

Please be advised the West Caldwell Health Department has informed us that there are 72 confirmed cases of coronavirus in the West Caldwell general population and we have had 7 citizens pass away from the virus. Of the 72 cases 46 are open and current cases. Of the 46, 6 are hospitalized and 40 are home quarantined. Thankfully and some good news we have had 26 cases closed whereby these citizens are recovered and are no longer quarantined. We ask that you pray for those who have the virus and to pray for those families that have lost their loved ones.

In our two skilled nursing facilities combined we have an additional 115 cases and tragically we report 33 deaths. In Crane's Mill we have 9 Covid-19 cases in the memory care and assisted living units, and 3 reported deaths. In the Skilled Nursing and sub-acute section of Crane's Mill, we have 29 current cases of Covid-19 and 15 reported deaths. In the Hackensack Meridian Health WC Care Center, we report 77 cases of Covid-19. Tragically we report 15 deaths at the facility. Again, we ask that you pray for those who have the virus and to pray for those families that have lost their loved ones.

We ask all Residents to continue to practice social distancing and it is very important that you all adhere to the most recent rules set by the Governor which includes the wearing of masks and gloves while shopping in our supermarkets, pharmacies etc. and please remember to stay home if you are sick.

We ask that you continue to 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 of Covid-19. We are all in this together. It is very upsetting to me to have to report these cases-all of them are our friend's, our family and loved ones. Especially remember those who have passed away and I ask that you remember them and pray for their families. Let us remember them with dignity.

For additional information call the NJ COVID-19 Information Public Call Center at 1-800-962-1253 or 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.