

Mayor Tempesta's Message of April 3, 2020

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

As I have stated recently the more tests that are given for the virus the more cases will be identified.

Please be advised the West Caldwell Health Department has informed us that there are now 30 confirmed cases of coronavirus in West Caldwell and we have had two citizens 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.

I am asking you as your friend your neighbor and as your Mayor, please if at all possible stay home as much as you can and practice social distancing. The spread of this virus is at its most critical stage and by staying home and social distancing the life you may save may be your own or a family member. Now is not the time to take chances.

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 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.