

Township of



West Caldwell

Mayor Tempesta's Message of April 8, 2020

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

Please be advised the West Caldwell Health Department has informed us that there are now 73 confirmed cases of coronavirus in West Caldwell and we have had six 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.

Please understand that these numbers now include our two major nursing facilities, which is being fully monitored by the New Jersey State Department of Health. We reached out to the State almost two weeks ago. We pointed out that we felt that these nursing facilities were being under reported. The State of NJ has admonished these facilities for a lack of transparency in their reporting but moving forward that should no longer be an issue. Today, the Governor has ordered all State and County parks be closed. However, he has left to individual towns the discretion of local parks being open or closed. I have decided, at this time, to have all West Caldwell Parks remain open with the exception of playgrounds, playground equipment, tennis courts and ball fields. Otherwise, please enjoy our parks – but you must maintain your social distances and no groups, please. If we find out our citizens are not adhering to the proper social distancing, we will shut the parks down. For now, kindly adhere to the rules and enjoy our parks.

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.

I also wish all of you and your families a very Happy Easter and Happy Passover.

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.

In honor of this holy week, I will not do a public service call this Friday. Unless there is urgent information to report, we will resume our twice a week call starting next Tuesday.

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

Thank you.