

Township of



West Caldwell

Mayor's Message of May 22, 2020

This is West Caldwell Mayor Joe Tempesta with a public service announcement.

Please be advised the West Caldwell Health Department has informed us there are 108 confirmed cases of coronavirus in the West Caldwell general population and we have had 6 citizens pass away from the virus. Of the 108 cases 7 are open and current cases. Of the 7, 2 are hospitalized and 5 are home quarantined. Thankfully some good news we have had 101 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 currently have an additional 45 cases and tragically we report 39 deaths. In Crane's Mill we have 16 Covid-19 cases in the memory care an assisted living units, and 6 reported deaths. In the Skilled Nursing and sub-acute section of Crane's Mill, we have 21 current cases of Covid-19 and 11 reported deaths. In the Hackensack Meridian Health WC Care Center, we report 8 current cases of Covid-19. Tragically we report 22 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

I also ask that you continue to join me in thanking all of our first responders and a special thanks to all of our teachers in our community. We thank them for all of their hard work.

As I stated on the last call we expected some announcements to come soon from Governor Murphy with regard to the lifting of some restrictions- this week in addition to non-essential construction and the opening of non-essential retail stores for curbside pick-up, the Governor announced today that outdoor gatherings can increase to 25 people as long as social distancing is maintained. We expect next week to here from the Governor regarding direction on Summer Camps, school graduation ceremonies, and in the near future he will give us direction on curbside pick-up for Libraries and eventually hopefully he will allow our libraries to open.

We ask that you continue 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.

For additional information regarding the corona virus 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).

My next call will be one week from today as our numbers continue to stabilize.

Finally I ask that you remember to honor our veterans who have given the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms. There will be no Memorial Day Parade or services this year due to the Pandemic but I ask you remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice in your own special way.

Thank you.