

Township of



West Caldwell

Mayor's Message of August 7, 2020

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

Please be advised the West Caldwell Health Department has confirmed we currently have 4 confirmed cases of Covid-19 in West Caldwell's general population. These 4 individuals are home quarantined. We have had 6 citizens pass away over the last several months from the virus. Over the last several months we have had a total of 125 cases.

Thankfully we have had 115 cases closed whereby those citizens are recovered and are no longer quarantined. We are also thankful the community is being diligent in social distancing and wearing masks when you can't social distance. We encourage to continue your good diligence and practice these policies for the foreseeable future.

In our two skilled nursing facilities combined we have had no additional Covid cases since last week and in Crane's Mill we have 1 current case in the skilled nursing and sub-acute division. In the Hackensack Meridian Health WC Care Center, remains 1 current case of Covid-19. Tragically though over the last several months we have had 44 deaths in those facilities.

Crane's Mill and Hackensack Meridian Health WC Care Center continue to do a good job stabilizing the Covid outbreak in their facilities. We ask that you pray for those whose families have lost their loved ones.

I also ask that you continue to join me in thanking all our first responders and a special thanks to all our teachers in our community. I also thank you for continuing to patronize our restaurants and retail stores that are open for business.

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.

All our 162 streets are open except for Smull Avenue. PSE&G has been working onsite since this morning. PSE&G also reports they have restored all but less than 100 customers in West Caldwell that lost power since Tuesday afternoon.

West Caldwell's cooling and charging center is open and will remain open until 9:00 p.m. this evening. Our cooling/charging station will also be open from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. tomorrow and Sunday. Our cooling/charging center is located at the West Caldwell Municipal building located at 30 Clinton Road.

The cooling/charging center will be limited to 25 people at one time due to the Covid-19 rules set by the State of New Jersey. Social distancing and masks must be worn.

Also please remember if you are using a generator make sure it is outside in an open vented area.

Please be advised if you have storm debris you may put it out at the curb and the Department of Public Works will pick up this debris for the next 2 weeks. This pick up is only for storm related debris. If possible, kindly put the debris in 4 ft bundles.

We will update you again tomorrow and at that time we should have better estimates from PSE&G on when power restoration will be completed.

Remember if you have an emergency please call 911.