

Township of



West Caldwell

Mayor's Message of September 11, 2020

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

Please be advised the West Caldwell Health Department has informed us as of today Friday September 11 we currently have 7 new confirmed cases of Covid-19 in West Caldwell's general population since last week. These individuals are home quarantined. Since the beginning of the Pandemic we have had a total of 138 cases, and we have had 7 citizens pass away in our general population.

Also we all need to be mindful the State of NJ is finally beginning to update, correct, and adjust reported Covid case numbers going all the way back to the beginning of the Pandemic and we may actually see our numbers swing up or down as they begin to incorporate these updated numbers. As we receive them we will continue to update them and give them to you on my weekly call.

Thankfully we have had 124 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 the wearing of masks particularly when you cant's social distance. We encourage all of you to continue this practice for the foreseeable future.

We also want to remind parents particularly parents with young student adults at home or returning home from College, please make sure they social distance and wear a mask whenever possible. Local house parties tend to be an incubator for the Covid-19 virus and we are simply trying to remind all of you to be careful.

We also seek cooperation from the public whenever a family member contracts the corona virus, kindly cooperate with contact tracers as they are only trying to help prevent the spread of the virus.

In our two skilled nursing facilities combined we have no current Covid cases in Crane's Mill and Hackensack Meridian Health WC Care Center. Tragically though since the beginning of the Pandemic we have had 44 deaths in those facilities.

I also ask that you continue to join me in thanking all our first responders and teachers. I also thank you for continuing to patronize our restaurants and retail

stores. I also remind you that our Westville Pool is open this weekend from 10:00 am to 5:00 P.M.

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).

Thank you.