

MESSAGE FROM MAYOR JOE TEMPESTA – March 20, 2020

This is West Caldwell Mayor Joseph Tempesta with a special public service announcement. The Township of West Caldwell continues to monitor the Coronavirus outbreak in our area. Residents should be assured we are taking all necessary steps to deal with this virus. Please be advised the West Caldwell Health Department has informed us that there is one confirmed case of COVID-19 in West Caldwell. The person is doing reasonably well and we ask that you pray for them. As you are all aware, this is a fluid situation, which may result in additional cases being identified.

While the risk to the general public remains low, should a person start showing those symptoms of COVID-19 with fever, cough and shortness of breath residents must contact their health care provider. Even though the risk is low, individuals should contact their health care provider prior to visiting the hospital or a health care setting.

Residents are asked to please be understanding of the acceptable social distancing and more than several people gathering. Parents, we ask you especially to recognize and be extra vigilant making sure your children do not gather in groups. This defeats the whole purpose of schools being closed. We ask that everyone be mindful that all playgrounds, tennis courts and fields remain closed. You may walk in our parks in groups of no more than four people as suggested by the state department of health and that is also subject to change.

Caldwell – West Caldwell schools remain closed until further notice.

We ask that you patronize our local businesses using technology to make your purchases online, as well as, patronize our restaurants by using their take-out and delivery service. CVS and Walgreens are offering free delivery of certain medications and we ask that you contact them directly for more information.

Starting Monday, Town Hall offices will be closed to the public. There is a secure mailbox in the front of Town Hall for any payments, including tax and water payments. The lobby only will also be open so you can ascertain common forms and applications. There will be a drop box for building permit applications. We are accepting pool membership applications. Both registrations and payments may be made online. If you need to speak with staff directly, you may call our main number at 973-226-2300 and ask for the appropriate department.

For additional information, call the NJCOVID-19 information public call center at 1-800-962-1293 or 2-1-1 or text NJCOVID to 898-211 to receive text information and stay informed. To receive live text assistant residents can text zip to 898-211. Finally, the Department of Human Services operates a toll-free “warm line”, which is a resource for people seeking mental health services. That number 1-877-294-4357.

We will continue to update you periodically. Thank you.