

Township of



West Caldwell

Mayor's Message of May 29, 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 have been 116 confirmed cases of coronavirus in the West Caldwell general population and we have had 6 citizens pass away from the virus. Of the 116 cases 5 are open and current cases. Of the 5, 2 are hospitalized and 3 are home quarantined. Thankfully we have had 105 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 42 cases and tragically we report 41 deaths. In Crane's Mill we have 17 Covid-19 cases in the memory care and 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 4 current cases of Covid-19. Tragically we report 24 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.

Governor Murphy made some additional announcements today with regard to the following: On June 12 Religious services will be allowed with guidelines and restrictions to follow; on June 15 Day Care facilities will be allowed to open with restrictions and guidelines to follow; on June 22 youth sports team will be allowed to commence practices with restrictions and guidelines to follow; on July 6 Summer Camps will be allowed to commence with restrictions and guidelines to follow. Our Board of Education is preparing for graduation ceremonies integrating the restrictions and guidelines set forth by the State and should have detailed announcements in the next week or 2. There was no guidance or announcement today on the allowance of Township pools and decisions on the feasibility of our summer playground programs

will come in the next week or 2 as soon as we know the restrictions and guidelines.

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).

Thank you.