

Township of



West Caldwell

Mayor's Message of July 10, 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 three current open case of Covid-19 in the West Caldwell general population and those 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 119 cases. Thankfully we have had 110 cases closed whereby those citizens are recovered and are no longer quarantined.

In our two skilled nursing facilities combined we currently have no current cases and this is a few weeks running now. Tragically though over the last several months we have had 44 deaths. However, I am pleased to report that both Crane's Mill and Hackensack Meridian Health WC Care Center have done a great job in stabilizing their residential facilities and nursing their patients back to good health. 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. We thank them for all their hard work.

I also thank you for continuing to patronize our restaurants and retail stores that are open for business.

The West Caldwell Public Library is not open for West Caldwell residents and paid card holders. The hours of operation at 10:00am to 4:00pm Monday through Friday and 9am until 12 noon on Saturdays.

The West Caldwell pools both Westville Avenue and Cedar Street pools are now open 7 days a week. We continue to welcome anyone wishing to join the pools from the West Essex area including the towns of Caldwell, North Caldwell, Essex Fells, Roseland, Fairfield, Essex Fells, Verona, and Cedar Grove.

To register, you may visit the Township's website at www.westcaldwell.com and click on the Recreation tab at the top of the page. For additional information, you may contact the Recreation Department at 973-226-3621.

Free COVID testing conducted by Essex County, is scheduled for this coming Tuesday, July 14th from 4pm to 6pm at James Caldwell High School. We encourage residents of Caldwell and West Caldwell to take advantage of this convenient location. Essex County residents age 13 and older, with or without symptoms, are encouraged to get tested. Testing is provided free of charge to Essex County residents. No insurance required.

This will be a drive through test and will be a saliva test. County officials ask that you register online, stay in your car, wear a mask and please do not eat, drink, smoke or chew gum 30 minutes prior to your approval.

To register for the testing on July 14th at James Caldwell High School, visit ww.EssexCOVID.org, and select Schedule a test and follow the prompts. Appointments may also be made by calling 973-877-8456.

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.