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Mayor Rilling Provides Local Update on Coronavirus

(Norwalk, Conn.) - City officials are working closely with partners at the state and federal levels, as well as partners in Norwalk, to monitor and respond to COVID-19, the 2019 novel Coronavirus. Statewide updates can be found online at ct.gov/coronavirus. Mayor Rilling provided the following Norwalk-area specific updates regarding COVID-19 coronavirus as of 5 p.m. on Thursday, March 26, 2020:

- Since yesterday, there are 10 new positive cases in Norwalk, bringing the total positive reported cases in Norwalk to 76. In Fairfield County, the number of new positive cases went from 546 to 607. The age and sex of these individuals will not be released. The public is asked to continue to take precautions as community spread is likely happening across the state.
- The Norwalk Transit District announced it is suspending the popular Wheels2U microtransit service until further notice. Other public transportation options are available. More info can be found [here](#).
- City officials remind the public that social distancing means creating physical distance between people, not socially isolating. It is important to use phone calls, video chats, and other means to stay connected with friends and loved ones. The Senior Services Coordinating Council has “warm lines” available for seniors. Call (203) 434-3085 or (203) 434-1876 Monday-Friday between 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. to speak with a friendly voice. Young adults can reach the Join Rise Be “warm lines” at 1-855-6-HOPENOW seven days a week from noon to 9 p.m.
- The Norwalk Health Department is urging businesses to follow health guidelines and protocols during this pandemic. The message is clear: employees should not come to work if they are not feeling well, and employers should not ask staff to report if they are sick. These steps will help slow down the spread of coronavirus.
- While some workers are able to telecommute, others may be employed by an “essential businesses” and need to report in person. City officials again stress the importance of physical distancing at the work place. That means not congregating in shared spaces, like conference rooms and break rooms, and remaining six feet apart.

“The term ‘social distancing’ is a new one for many, and the last thing I want to do is encourage residents to disconnect from the relationships, groups, and communities of which they are a part. It is important for all of us to remain socially connected with one another as this pandemic is likely going to be here for a while,” said Mayor Rilling. “We can keep physical distance while maintaining social relationships. Please reach out to your friends, neighbors, and loved ones through the many available options. Even a friendly wave can really brighten someone’s day.”

Members of the public are encouraged to sign-up for the City’s CodeRED Emergency Alert Notification System at norwalkct.org/codered.

Updates on City services, hours, and community resources will be routinely published at norwalkct.org/citynews. The latest health updates can be found at norwalkct.org/coronavirus.

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