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 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 30, 2020:

- Since yesterday, there are 45 new positive cases in Norwalk, bringing the total positive reported cases in Norwalk to 271. In Fairfield County, the number of new positive cases went from 1,245 to 1,445. 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 City will now be sharing additional case data each day showing the total cases and age ranges of positive cases. This data are preliminary and subject to change. The first graphics and subsequent graphics will be on the second page of the nightly briefing.
- Mayor Rilling issued three critical emergency orders yesterday (March 29) which become effective at 8 p.m. today (March 30). Those orders restrict vehicular access to city parks and beaches, cut occupancy rates for businesses in half, and establishes that only one-member per household is permitted to shop. More details can be found here.
- With the passage of a $2 trillion economic stimulus package and the 2020 Census underway, officials are warning the public of potential scams. The public should be wary of fraudulent emails, text messages and social media posts falsely asking for personal information, such as social security numbers, to receive a stimulus check. More information from Attorney General William Tong can be read here.

“I was pleased to see local businesses implementing additional physical distancing protocols today. These measures will go a long way in helping slow down the spread of coronavirus,” said Mayor Rilling. “I know that my emergency orders have upset some residents. I wish I didn’t have to take such drastic measures, but the health and safety of our entire community is my top priority. We are all in this together, and as our data shows, this virus does not discriminate based on age. Everyone one of us can be at risk, and we all have to do our part.”

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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