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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 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 5, 2020:

- Since yesterday, there are 39 new positive cases in Norwalk, bringing the total positive reported cases in Norwalk to 503. There was also one new death reported. Now, a total of 20 Norwalk residents have died as a result of coronavirus. In Fairfield County, the number of new positive cases went from 2,824 to 3,050. 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.
- City officials remind the public that unnecessary travel and shopping should be avoided. People should only be going to stores for essential items, and should plan to, if possible, purchase items to last a week.
- The public is asked to remain off playgrounds, courts, and school recreational facilities, as these are all closed. The City has received reports about public use, and staff has noticed gates, which were padlocked, pried open, and tape torn down.
- The City of Norwalk will be using the Zoom platform for its upcoming meetings, which begin next week. More information and instructions, including for public participation, will be posted on the City’s website under the “agendas/minutes/legal notices” button on the homepage tomorrow.

“It is truly sad that another resident has died as a result of this terrible virus. I offer heartfelt condolences to their family and loved ones during this very difficult time. Unfortunately, we know more positive cases are coming, and that means, more people dying. We can all do our part to slow the spread of coronavirus by treating this crisis seriously,” Mayor Rilling said. “Please stay home unless it’s absolutely necessary and adhere to physical distancing guidelines if you must go out. And do not take the whole family. The best way to take care of yourselves, family, and friends is by avoiding unnecessary travel or shopping.”

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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