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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 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 6, 2020:

- Since yesterday, there are 92 new positive cases in Norwalk, bringing the total positive reported cases in Norwalk to 595. In Fairfield County, the number of new positive cases went from 3,050 to 3,719. 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 residents that what is required for COVID-19 testing at a private practice or health center is different than at drive-thru collection sites. A doctor’s note is not required at private medical offices that are running tests because a person will be seen by a doctor or physician, whereas collection sites require prior authorization. The state has answers to more Frequently Asked Questions here.
- Mayor Rilling sent a CodeRED Emergency Alert message Sunday evening in English and Spanish. This service is opt-in, meaning members of the public have to sign up if they wish to receive messages. City officials encourage everyone to sign up at norwalkct.org/codered. To hear the Mayor’s latest CodeRED message, click here.
- City officials continue to observe members of the public not following new rules for public spaces. Over the weekend, two different individuals launched their boats from the boat ramp at Veteran’s Park. These individuals deliberately moved construction barrels and caution tape that blocked the entrance to access the parking lot. Both were charged with misdemeanor trespassing and had their vehicles towed.
- The City of Norwalk will be using the Zoom platform for its upcoming meetings. Information and instructions, including for public participation, can be found under the “agendas / minutes / legal notices” button on the homepage.

“We know that spikes in cases, or relatively low numbers of new cases, does not tell the entire story, and is based on when data is submitted. Members of the public should continue adhering to physical distancing guidelines to help slow the spread of coronavirus,” Mayor Rilling said. “I know I sound like a broken record, but from what I’ve seen at some of our stores and other areas around Norwalk, there are some who are simply not taking this matter seriously enough. We will only be able to defeat this virus if we all make some tough sacrifices now.”

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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