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 Monday, April 13, 2020:

- Since yesterday, there are 35 new positive cases in Norwalk, bringing the total positive reported cases in Norwalk to 747. There was also one new death reported. Now, a total of 32 residents have died as a result of coronavirus. In Fairfield County, the number of new positive cases went from 5,534 to 6,004.
- The Norwalk Hospital Drive-Through Collection Site was closed today, April 13, due to high winds. The site should be open normally again on Tuesday, April 14. As a reminder, the collection site is only for people who meet necessary criteria, including having a doctor’s order and an appointment. Please do not show up unannounced. More info can be found here.
- Mayor Rilling sent a CodeRED Emergency Alert message earlier today 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.
- Walmart, located at 680 Connecticut Avenue, will be closed on Tuesday, April 14 to further sanitize the store and provide time for employees to restock shelves. The store is expected to open again at 7 a.m. on Wednesday, April 15. The Walmart on Main Avenue will maintain its normal hours of operation.
- Governor Ned Lamont, and the Governors of Delaware, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, and Rhode Island, announced a new multi-state council focused on getting people back to work and restoring the economy. The council will be staffed with health and economic development experts. More information on the announcement can be found here.

“I am deeply saddened to learn another one of our residents has died. I offer my sincere condolences and hope their family will find be able to find comfort during this challenging time. As I have said time and again, the number of positive cases reported to us will fluctuate throughout this pandemic. While it seems like we are reaching our peak, and obviously the fewer cases the better, we cannot relax our distancing guidelines and best practices. These methods are making a difference,” said Mayor Rilling. “I am encouraged by the formation of a multi-state council that I expect will take a smart, targeted approach to reopening the economy. It makes sense for states to work together on this initiative. I applaud the Governors for thinking regionally about how we emerge from this crisis in a new normal.”

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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