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](http://ct.gov/coronavirus). Mayor Rilling provided the following Norwalk-area specific updates regarding COVID-19 coronavirus as of 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 15, 2020:

- Since yesterday, there are 68 new positive cases in Norwalk, bringing the total positive reported cases in Norwalk to 841. There were also five new deaths reported. Now, a total of 41 residents have died as a result of coronavirus. In Fairfield County, the number of new positive cases went from 6,213 to 6,480.
- Yard Waste Collection is slated to begin the week of April 20, and during that week, the Yard Debris Site in Norwalk will be open with limited hours and reduced staffing. Tentatively, the Site will be open Tuesday, April 21 (Residents Only) from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.; Wednesday, April 22, (Commercial Only) from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.; and Thursday, April 23 (Residents Only) from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Mayor Rilling joined Governor Lamont yesterday afternoon for a news conference to discuss the COVID-19 response in Norwalk and across the state. The video can be seen [here](http://here).
- Governor Lamont’s Executive Order 75 required municipalities to enact new measures to assist local taxpayers. On April 14, the Common Council approved an automatic grace period for taxes due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Taxpayers will now be able to pay their taxes, which were originally due on July 1, by October 1, 2020 without interest. Escrowed accounts do not qualify for the extended grace period. On October 2, interest will be charged back to the original July 1 due date.

“Learning about five more deaths in our community is devastating. I can only imagine the grief these families are feeling. I wish them comfort and peace during these trying times,” said Mayor Rilling. “Today’s spike in numbers is a stark reminder that this virus is still very much in our community. I remind the public there may be a delay in when positive results are reported to us. These are a snapshot in time and why it is so critically important that we all continue following proper guidelines and taking all the necessary precautions.”

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

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

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Number of COVID-19 Norwalk Cases and New Cases
*Data are preliminary and subject to change*

Number of Confirmed COVID-19 Norwalk Cases per Age Group
*Data are preliminary & subject to change. May not add up to total case count as demographic data may be missing.*

Number of COVID-19 Norwalk Deaths per Age Group
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