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 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 19, 2020:

- Since yesterday, there are 15 new positive cases in Norwalk, bringing the total positive reported cases in Norwalk to 926. There was also one new death reported. Now, a total of 48 residents have died from coronavirus. In Fairfield County, the number of new positive cases went from 7,363 to 7,434.

- The Yard Waste Site will be open for residents on Tuesday, April 21 and Thursday, April 23, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Members of the public are advised that all traffic will be detoured down Reynolds Street and onto South Smith Street. There will be no access directly from Fort Point Street. The Norwalk Police Department will be present to assist with traffic control.

- Mayor Rilling will be hosting a Zoom Town Hall tomorrow, April 20 at 5:30 p.m. Members of the public can submit questions live to Mayor Rilling by visiting bit.ly/April20TownHall on Monday. The Town Hall will also be broadcast on YouTube and Facebook. No registration is required.

- Governor Lamont ordered the state’s Presidential Primary to August 11 due to the ongoing public health crisis caused by COVID-19. More information can be found here.

- The Fairfield County COVID-19 Resiliency Fund has been established by Fairfield County’s Community Foundation with the support of generous seed funding from a cross-section of individuals, private foundations, corporations and others. The new Fund will rapidly deploy resources to trusted, frontline community organizations that meet the basic needs of local residents in Fairfield County. For more information or to make a donation, visit fccfoundation.org.

- City officials remind families with children that Columbus Magnet School, located at 46 Concord Street, will be distributing food weekdays from 12 p.m. - 2 p.m. Children do not need to be enrolled with Norwalk Public Schools to receive the free meals. Columbus School will be open each weekday for those who wish to pick up a meal.

“The deaths of Norwalk residents are not just numbers in a report. They were members of our community who have been taken from us much too soon. I am sad to report the death of another resident due to coronavirus. I hope their family and friends can find peace and strength during this painful time. I will be keeping them in my thoughts and prayers. I remind everyone that we are still in the middle of this public health crisis. Even with the governor’s orders to wear cloth face coverings in public, the best thing we can all do to slow the spread of this virus and save lives is to stay home and avoid unnecessary shopping and travel,” Mayor Rilling said. “I invite the public to join me for a live Town Hall tomorrow night. I will be available to answer your questions on COVID-19, the city’s response, or other things you might have on your mind. I look forward to connecting with residents at 5:30 p.m. tomorrow.”

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.