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 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 21, 2020:

- Since yesterday, there are 22 new positive cases in Norwalk, bringing the total positive reported cases in Norwalk to 964. There were also two new deaths reported. Now, a total of 52 residents have died from coronavirus. In Fairfield County, the number of new positive cases went from 8,320 to 8,472.
- The boat launch at Veteran’s Park will be open this Saturday, April 25 and Sunday, April 26, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. for Norwalk residents only who rent marina slips and wish to put their boat in the water. An appointment is required through the Recreation and Parks Department. Those who show up without an appointment will be turned away. Police will be on site to monitor traffic and help ensure physical distancing. Please email vetsmarina@norwalkct.org for more information and to make an appointment.
- Norwalk Now produced a video with Mayor Rilling and many local businesses to promote how the community is standing together and #norwalkstrong. The video can be viewed here.
- The State of Connecticut is partnering with the developers of the How We Feel app in an effort to anonymously provide scientists with critical health information needed to understand the spread of COVID-19. Available to download for free in the Apple App Store and the Google Play Store, it is supported by a nonprofit organization and does not require logging in or sharing personal details, such as name or email address. A web portal to complete the survey is also available at howwefeel.app.

“Learning two more residents have died from coronavirus brings me sadness and sorrow. I offer my heartfelt condolences to their loved ones in their time of grief. When we issue reports, especially for those who have died, it’s important to remember they are more than just a number. They are human beings and members of our community who have passed on. They have left husbands, wives, fathers, mothers, and children behind. This is a very sad situation in which we find ourselves,” Mayor Rilling said. “We want to make sure we all do everything we possibly can to stop the spread right now. I know people want to move forward and try to get back to normal. When we talk about reopening and easing restrictions, we need to do it properly. I’ll be listening to the medical professionals and experts who are studying COVID-19 on when it will be safe to reopen. This is a very contagious and very serious virus, and we have to continue doing the things we know are working.”

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.