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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 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 22, 2020:

- Since yesterday, an additional 394 positive cases were reported in Norwalk, bringing the total positive reported cases to 1,358. These new numbers do not represent an overnight spike in cases. Due to the changes in electronic laboratory reporting, the state's surveillance system is catching up with cases, with some dating back weeks. There were also two new deaths reported. Now, a total of 54 residents have died from coronavirus. In Fairfield County, the number of new positive cases went from 8,472 to 9,883.
- Governor Lamont yesterday announced a new program to provide relief to those with student loans. While the Federal CARES Act provided relief for students with federal loans, it did not address federal loans that are not owned by the U.S. Government, or loans from private lenders. Under a new plan, residents with commercially owned Federal Family Education Loan Programs or privately held student loans who are struggling to make their payments due to the COVID-19 pandemic will be eligible for expanded relief. More details can be found [here](#).
- The food banks in Norwalk are nearly empty due to the increased demand for services. City officials encourage those who are able to consider making a donation to a local food pantry. Some larger groups which are providing meal and pantry services can be found at norwalkct.org/meals. Smaller pantries, such as those found at churches, also need donations.
- Mayor Rilling will be hosting a Zoom Town Hall on Monday, April 27 at 7 p.m. He will be joined in conversation with Norwalk Health Director Deanna D'Amore and Norwalk Chief of Community Services Lamond Daniels. Members of the public can submit questions live to by visiting bit.ly/April27TownHall on Monday. The Town Hall will also be streamed on YouTube and Facebook. No registration is required.

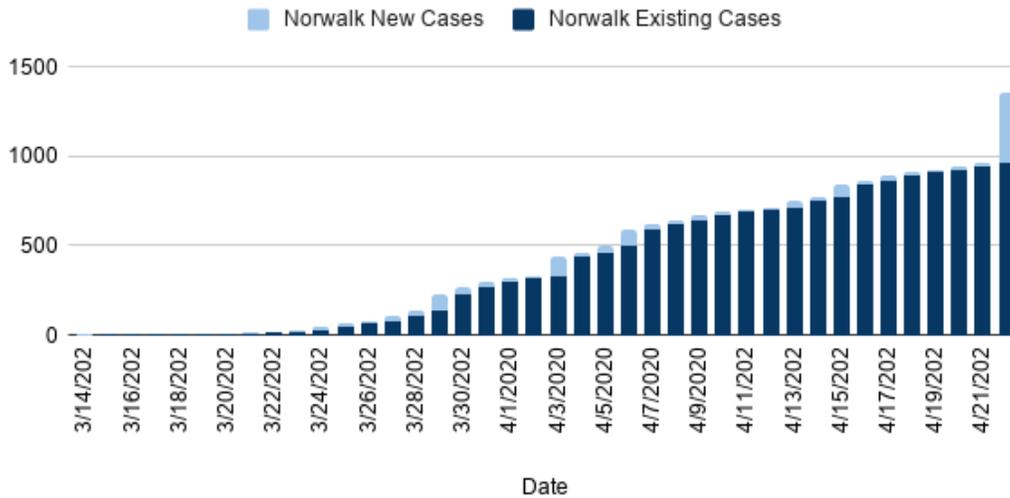
"My heart breaks for these families who have lost loved ones during this pandemic. Sharing the news of two new deaths today is a stark reminder that this virus is here, is serious, and is leaving a devastating impact on members of our community," Mayor Rilling said. "As we learned today, the numbers and data can change drastically and never truly tell the full story. We are pouring over our data to report the most accurate picture possible. The fact remains we are still seeing people test positive, and still have people who may be unknowingly transmitting the virus. I don't want anyone to think we've beaten this virus yet - everything is not okay. Norwalk, please stay safe, stay healthy and stay home."

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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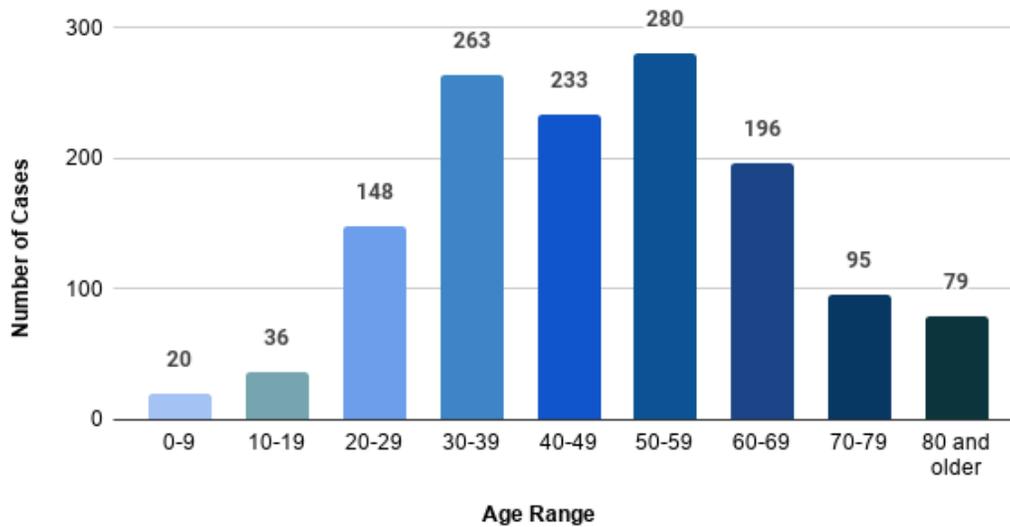
Number of COVID-19 Norwalk Cases and New Cases

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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