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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 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 23, 2020:

- Since yesterday, there are seven new positive cases in Norwalk, bringing the total positive reported cases to 1,365. There were also six new deaths reported. Now, a total of 60 residents have died from coronavirus. In Fairfield County, the number of new positive cases went from 9,883 to 10,008.
- To more accurately reflect the situation in Norwalk, local officials will now be reporting data based on the date of specimen collection, as positive test results may be reported several days after collection. Please refer to the chart on top of page 2. It is important to note that data for the most recent week (April 19-25) are pending. Also, due to dates missing on certain collection reports, the chart may not add up to the total case count stated above.
- The City created a dedicated section of its website for all upcoming meetings, complete with instructions on how to join via Zoom, call in, or watch on YouTube. The list is constantly updated and can found at norwalkct.org/meetings.
- Yesterday, the Norwalk Parking Authority voted to continue the suspension of all parking fees for street, surface lots, and garages through May. Officials note that permit holders may see emails indicating a charge for May will be applied. This is an automated and prescheduled message. Permit holders will not be charged for May parking fees. If a charge appears or if someone has a question, email norwalkparkingpermit@lazparking.com or call (203) 831-9063.
- 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. A season launch permit fee of \$20.00 must be paid on site (credit card only) and an appointment is required through the Recreation and Parks Department. Appointments must be made by 5 p.m. on Friday, April 24. Please email vetsmarina@norwalkct.org for more information and to make an appointment. Traffic will be routed through the rear entrance of Vets Park on Seaview Avenue (near Overtons) and around the park. Direct access to the boat launch will be restricted. Police will be on site to monitor traffic and help ensure physical distancing. Those who show up without an appointment will be turned away.

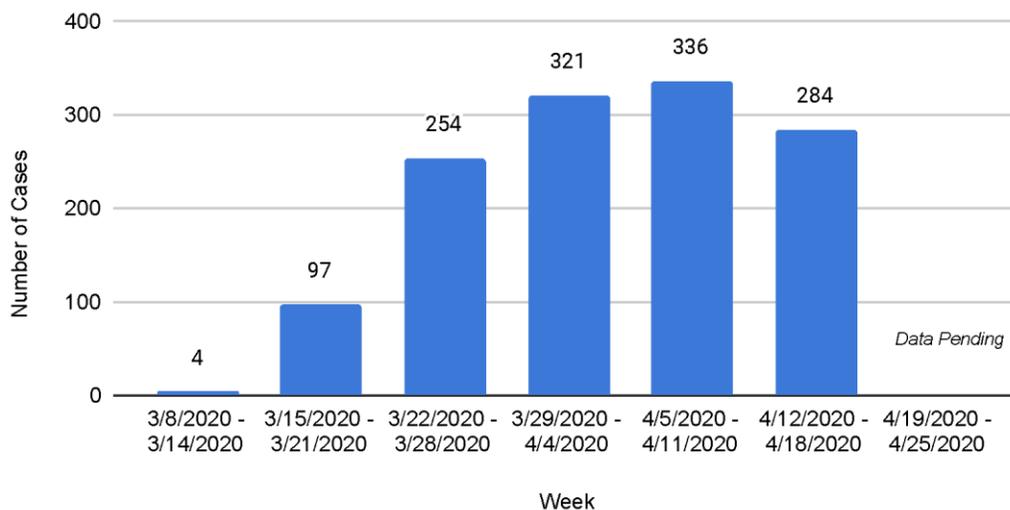
"I am heartbroken by today's news of six new deaths in our community. These are our friends and neighbors who are being taken from us far too soon. I ask us all to keep these grieving families in our hearts and minds," Mayor Rilling said. "I have been encouraged in my travels around Norwalk and through random checks by the Norwalk Health Department that many of our businesses are following all of the local, state and federal recommendations and guidelines. We are correcting issues when we see them. I ask the public to continue putting in the hard work and follow these guidelines to stay healthy."

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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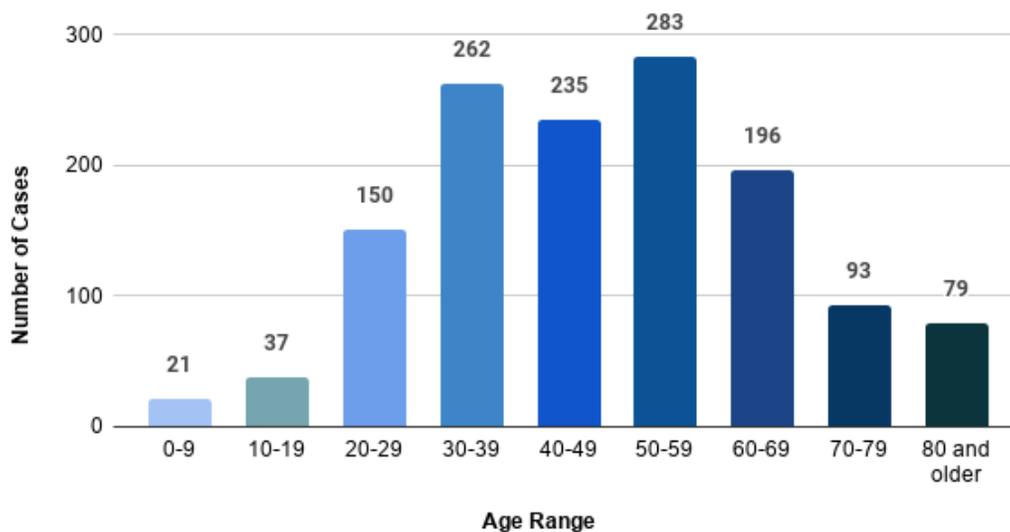
Number of Norwalk COVID-19 Cases by Date of Specimen Collection

Test results may be reported several days after collection. Data from previous dates are routinely updated.



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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