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 Saturday, April 25, 2020:

- Since yesterday, there are 12 new positive cases in Norwalk, bringing the total positive reported cases to 1,402. There were also four new deaths reported. Now, a total of 68 residents have died from coronavirus. In Fairfield County, the number of new positive cases went from 10,227 to 10,373.
- Based on input from parents and staff regarding distance learning, Norwalk Public Schools added May 1 and May 15 as days off for students and teachers. Additionally, NPS and City officials remind the public that there are 11 locations across Norwalk where families can pick up free meals for their children. All families who need assistance are welcome to participate in the free program. More information can be found here.
- Congress passed a $480 billion spending bill that expands funding to existing and critical COVID-19 relief programs, with $370 billion set aside for small businesses. City officials encourage Norwalk businesses to apply as soon as possible and check the status of any existing applications as the programs are in high demand and will be exhausted quickly.
- 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 by visiting bit.ly/April27TownHall on Monday. The Town Hall will also be streamed on YouTube and Facebook. No registration is required.

“My heart aches thinking about what these families must be going through. These residents leave behind parents, siblings, children - loved ones whose lives will not be the same. I hope someday they can find peace and comfort. We are not through this crisis, and while cases may be slowing down, it does not change the fact that this virus is highly contagious, and as we know, deadly,” Mayor Rilling said. “I know residents have a lot on their minds, and I hope they will join me for a live Town Hall Monday night. I felt it important to have our public health and community services leaders with me to answer questions on COVID-19, what the needs are in Norwalk, and what may be ahead of us. I look forward to fielding those questions at 7 p.m. Monday.”

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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