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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](http://ct.gov/coronavirus). Mayor Rilling provided the following Norwalk-area specific updates regarding COVID-19 coronavirus as of 8:00 p.m. on Monday, April 27, 2020:

- Since yesterday, there are 12 new positive cases in Norwalk, bringing the total positive reported cases to 1,495. There was also one new death reported. Now, a total of 70 residents have died from coronavirus.
- Local officials remind the public that Board and Commission meetings are now being held via the Zoom platform. 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. Each meeting agenda also includes a link to email comments that will be read into the record. More information is available at [norwalkct.org/meetings](http://norwalkct.org/meetings).
- The Norwalk Public Library is asking residents to send in photos for a new online exhibit entitled “Norwalk Strong: Life During COVID-19.” Photos of everyday life in Norwalk will be used to curate an online photo gallery that celebrates residents. Please send your photos to [clahey@norwalkpl.org](mailto:clahey@norwalkpl.org) no later than Thursday, April 30.
- The Yard Waste Site will be open for residents on Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. this week. 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.
- The State of Connecticut has partnered with CONNSTEP and the Connecticut Business & Industry Association (CBIA) to assist in the distribution of recently donated surgical masks to eligible businesses. Eligible businesses include those listed as [essential businesses](https://www.ct.gov/coronavirus) as defined by the state with 50 employees or fewer. Eligible businesses can request no more than two masks per employee by filling out the form [here](https://norwalkct.org/codered). Requested masks will be distributed by the City of Norwalk on a designated day as early as next week. Officials will contact businesses with a date, time, and location to receive the requested surgical masks, while supplies last.

“I am distraught to report another death of a Norwalk resident due to coronavirus. This person had so much life left to live and COVID cut that far too short. I can’t imagine the grief and pain their family must be feeling. I will keep them in my thoughts and prayers,” Mayor Rilling said. “While the case trends are welcomed news, now is not the time to take the foot off the gas. We’re working on plans of how to re-open Norwalk and are doing so based on what the medical experts are telling us. We have to do this thoughtfully, carefully, and strategically, otherwise, we run the risk of sliding backwards and doing more harm than good.”

Members of the public are encouraged to sign-up for the City’s CodeRED Emergency Alert Notification System at [norwalkct.org/codered](http://norwalkct.org/codered). Updates on City services, hours, and community resources will be routinely published at [norwalkct.org/citynews](http://norwalkct.org/citynews). The latest health updates can be found at [norwalkct.org/coronavirus](http://norwalkct.org/coronavirus).

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