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 Wednesday, April 29, 2020:

- Since yesterday, there are nine new positive cases in Norwalk, bringing the total positive reported cases to 1,544. There was also one new death reported. Now, a total of 72 residents have died from coronavirus.
- City officials remind families with children that there are 11 food distribution sites in Norwalk that provide drive-through or walk-up services weekdays from noon – 2 p.m. Families with children under 18 years old can visit any location – they do not need to attend that particular school, or be enrolled with NPS. A list of locations can be found at norwalkps.org.
- The City and Norwalk Health Department created a survey in an effort to match residents who are seeking to help the community with local organizations in need of volunteers. Those interested can complete the Volunteer Survey by visiting bit.ly/norwalkvolunteer.
- Tomorrow is the deadline to submit photos to the Norwalk Public Library for a new online exhibit entitled “Norwalk Strong: Life During COVID-19.” Residents are asked to send pictures of daily life during the crisis to clahey@norwalkpl.org no later than Thursday, April 30.
- The Norwalk Health Department has guidance online in English and Spanish on how to properly wear a face covering and how to make a cloth face covering. It is important to wear a face covering when it’s difficult to maintain physical distance from others. This is not to protect the wearer, but to help them from unknowingly spreading the virus to others.

“I am sorry to share the news that another one of our residents has died from coronavirus. My heart goes out to their friends, family, and loved ones. I wish them peace and comfort,” Mayor Rilling said. “We’ve all been operating in a new normal for close to six weeks now. That has taken a lot of hard work and effort, and I appreciate the sacrifices our residents have made and continue to make. I ask them to please remember that the decisions we make regarding this virus, is, in many cases, a matter of life and death.”

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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