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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 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 7, 2020:

- Since yesterday, there are 26 new positive cases in Norwalk, bringing the total positive reported cases to 1,745. There were also three new deaths reported. Now, a total of 98 residents have died from coronavirus.
- Mayor Rilling hosted a Town Hall earlier tonight live on the Zoom platform. The Town Hall was recorded and can be watched on the City of Norwalk [YouTube](#) Channel.
- Mayor Rilling announced today that certain parks and amenities would be open starting this weekend. Those include gardens at Fodor Farm and the Taylor Farm Dog Park. More information on the announcement can be found at norwalkct.org.
- This morning, the Grace Farms Foundation was in [Norwalk](#) to donate face shields, disposable masks, N95 masks and other personal protective equipment (PPE) to VITAS Healthcare and Family and Children's Agency. Mayor Rilling joined Rod Khattabi from Grace Farms to hand out supplies. To date, Grace Farms has donated over 100,000 PPE items to Norwalk groups and agencies. City officials thank them for their generous support.
- Governor Lamont announced more details on the gradual reopening of certain businesses across the state, including seven criteria that must be met. The Governor said more details and guidelines for business sectors would be released Friday, May 8. Today's press conference can be watched on [YouTube](#).

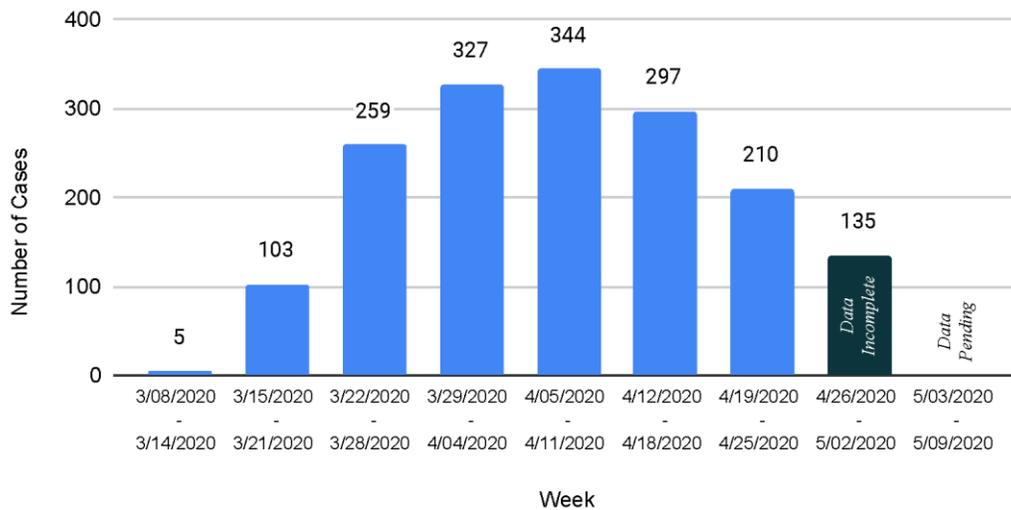
"My stomach dropped when I learned that three more residents have died from coronavirus. My heart aches for these families that have been torn apart because of this horrible virus. I cannot imagine the pain and grief they are feeling. I am so sorry for their losses and send my thoughts and prayers to their loved ones," Mayor Rilling said. "While we are working to slowly reopen certain amenities and parks, please remember that three more people in our community just died. The decisions we make are a matter of life and death in many instances. I get people want to flip the switch and get back to normal, but that cannot happen based on everything I am hearing from the health experts. Norwalk - there is some light at the end of the tunnel, but it is still dim. Each day I hope and pray that it gets brighter and brighter. Thank you for your continued patience and cooperation."

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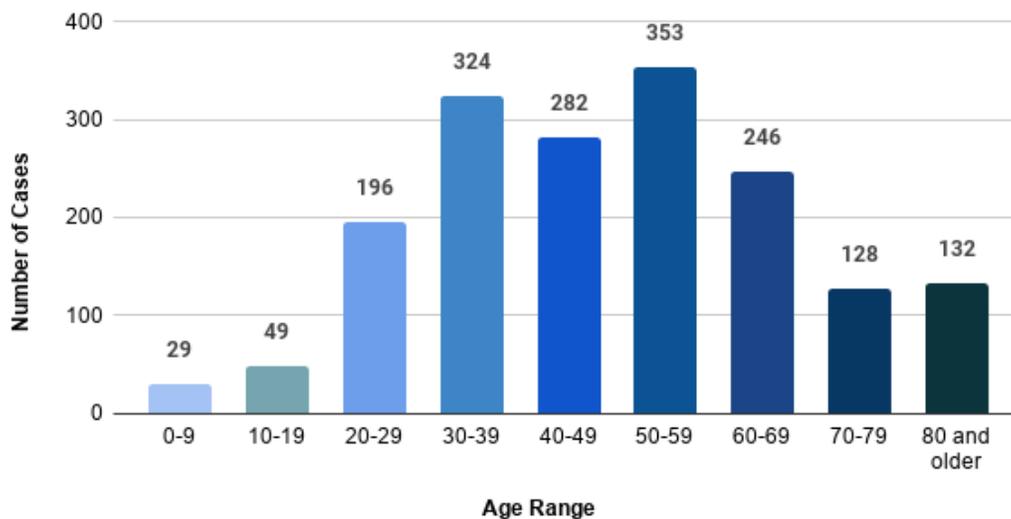
Number of Norwalk COVID-19 Cases by Date of Specimen Collection

Test results may be reported several days after collection. Does not include cases with missing specimen collection dates.



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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