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 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 16, 2020:

- Since yesterday, there are six new positive cases in Norwalk, bringing the total positive reported cases to 1,895. There were also two new deaths reported. Now, a total of 111 residents have died from coronavirus.
- Earlier this week, Mayor Rilling released the Reopen Norwalk Plan focused on municipal services and facilities. The four-phase plan is tentatively scheduled to start on Wednesday, May 20, 2020. As part of that plan, vehicular access will be restored to Calf Pasture Beach and Cranbury Park. More details can be found at norwalkct.org.
- To better serve the community, two additional food distribution sites have been added to the current 13 sites. Starting on Monday, May 18, grab and go meals will be available at West Rocks Middle School (81 West Rocks Roads) and the Fox Run Elementary School (228 Fillow Street) from 12 p.m. – 2 p.m. weekdays. Any family with children can pick up food. They do not need to be enrolled at Norwalk Public Schools. Meal services will continue through at least June 30.
- The City of Norwalk, American Legion Post 12, and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 603 announced that the Wall That Heals visit to Norwalk originally scheduled for this August has been postponed. The joint decision was made out of an abundance of caution, given the uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic. More information can be found at norwalkct.org.
- The State of Connecticut will be distributing 50,000 infrared thermometers to small businesses, nonprofits, and places of worship to support safe reopening activities amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Entities that would like to request a thermometer can fill out the forms located at ct.gov/coronavirus in the “Access to Personal Protective Equipment” section.

“It saddens me to report that we have lost two more residents to COVID-19. I offer my thoughts and prayers to their family and loved ones. It is shocking and heartbreaking that we have lost more than 100 of our friends, neighbors, and community members. As we move towards the May 20 reopening, I ask the public to remember the lives that we have lost,” Mayor Rilling said. “I know many are eager to resume activities like getting a haircut or going out to eat. I know our businesses are working hard to meet the strict state and local guidelines to reopen May 20. I expect that process to evolve in the weeks ahead. I encourage everyone to exercise patience and use their best judgements as Phase One begins.”

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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