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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 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 17, 2020:

- Since yesterday, there are 22 new positive cases in Norwalk, bringing the total positive reported cases to 1,917. There was also one new death reported, Now, a total of 112 residents have died from coronavirus.

- The Yard Waste Site will be open to both residential and commercial users Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday this week from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Beginning Tuesday, May 26, the hours will be expanded to Tuesday - Thursday 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. as part of Phase One of the Reopen Norwalk Plan.

- Local officials caution the public on ongoing 2020 Census fraud and scams during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Census Bureau will never ask for a person’s social security number, bank or credit card information, or donations. Norwalk residents can safely complete the 2020 Census online or by mail. To date, the response rate in Norwalk is 61.9% - ahead of the national rate of 59.5%.

- Mayor Rilling will be hosting a Zoom Town Hall tomorrow, Monday, May 18, at 5:30 p.m. He will be joined by Chief of Economic and Community Development Jessica Casey and Director of Planning and Zoning Steve Kleppin. Visit bit.ly/May18TownHall for details. No registration is required. The Town Hall will also be broadcast live on YouTube.

“We know criminals will try to exploit any crisis or event that is in the news. The 2020 Census is important for residents to complete, but unfortunately, scammers are attempting to use it for personal gain. If residents receive what they believe to be suspicious text messages, emails, or phone calls about the Census, please report this to the Norwalk Police Department,” Mayor Rilling said. “I hope residents will join my team and me tomorrow night for this Town Hall. We’ll spend a lot of time discussing the new outdoor dining and retail permits, and what to expect as more businesses slowly reopen on May 20. I felt it was important to have our experts here to answer questions directly from the public and businesses owners. Please tune in tomorrow at 5:30 p.m.”

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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