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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 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 21, 2020:

- Since yesterday, there are 12 new positive cases in Norwalk, bringing the total positive reported cases to 1,960. There were no new deaths reported.
- Monday, May 25, is Memorial Day. There will be no garbage or recycling collection services by the City. Collection will be pushed back one day throughout the week.
- Norwalk Public Schools will not have distance learning for students on Monday, May 25, and meal distribution sites will be closed. Families will be able to pick up food for Saturday, Sunday, and Monday tomorrow, Friday May 22, at any of the 15 distribution sites. For a complete list of locations visit norwalkps.org.
- Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Lamont signed an Executive Order allowing all eligible Connecticut residents to vote by absentee ballot in the August 11 primary elections. More details at ct.gov.
- CVS Health announced that it was opening 13 new COVID-19 test sites in Connecticut, including two in Stamford, on Friday, May 22. There will now be 25 drive-thru test sites across the state. Patients must register in advance at cvs.com to schedule an appointment. More details and locations can be found at cvs.com.
- Mayor Rilling and local officials continue to work on a plan to allow for graduations to occur safely later this summer. Tentatively, high school graduations will occur at Calf Pasture Beach, with Norwalk High on August 3 (rain date Aug. 5) and Brien McMahon on August 4 (rain date Aug. 6). Ceremonies for P-TECH Norwalk will take place at school on July 25 (rain date Aug. 1), while the Center for Global Studies will be held on August 1 (rain date Aug. 2). More details to follow.

“Memorial Day Weekend is usually the kick-off to summer with backyard BBQs and full days at the beach with friends and family. Some people might be tempted to return to these seemingly harmless activities, but it is so important that we continue to follow social distancing guidelines and to not congregate with those outside of our home,” Mayor Rilling said. “Unfortunately, this year won’t be the Memorial Day Weekend we have all come to know and love. There are still plenty of opportunities to celebrate the weekend and enjoy our wonderful businesses and restaurants while adhering to these guidelines. I ask the public to continue to protect yourselves and your community - enjoy the weekend Norwalk and stay safe.”

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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