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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 Friday, May 22, 2020:

- Since yesterday, there are 13 new positive cases in Norwalk, bringing the total positive reported cases to 1,973. There were two new deaths reported. Now, a total of 119 residents have died from coronavirus.
- Mayor Rilling was joined by Grace Farms Foundation and the Norwalk Police Department at City Hall to accept a donation of 11,000 surgical masks. More information can be found at norwalkct.org.
- On Monday this week, the City launched its new online outdoor dining permit application. To date, the City has received 50 applications for outdoor dining and has approved 34. Mayor Rilling has waived all permit fees to help support local businesses. Officials remind local businesses that they must obtain a permit before conducting outdoor dining to ensure plans meet state and local health guidelines otherwise they will face penalties. For a complete list of restaurants approved for outdoor dining, visit norwalkct.org/outdoordining.
- The State of Connecticut launched a “[What’s Open Outdoors](#)” webpage to show the status of state parks and when they may be closed due to parking capacity. If parks and beaches in Norwalk reach capacity and are closed, that information will be shared on [Facebook](#) (@CityofNorwalk) and [Twitter](#) (@norwalk_ct).
- Monday, May 25, is Memorial Day. Mayor Rilling and the American Legion encourage residents to pay tribute to fallen heroes at dusk (approximately 8:30 p.m.) on Monday by lighting candles and placing them on front porches or leaving a light on in the window. More information is available at legion.org.

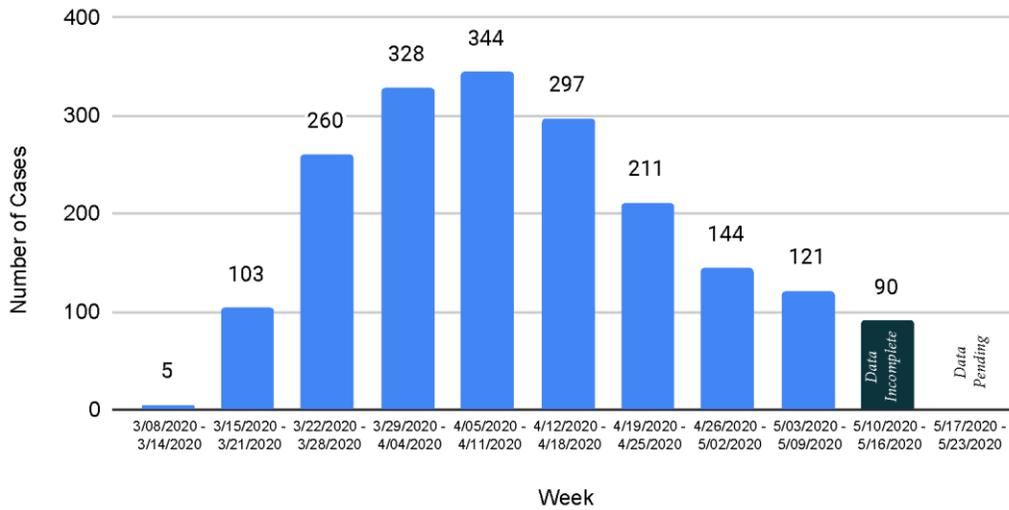
“It is with sadness that I share the news that we have lost two more residents to COVID-19. My thoughts and prayers are with them and their loved ones. As some try to get back to normal, do not forget those we have lost as we continue to battle this virus,” Mayor Rilling said. “As we head into the holiday weekend, I ask residents to remember the true meaning of Memorial Day. Let us honor and remember our war heroes who lost their lives in service to our country defending and fighting for our freedom. Please join me on Monday night by lighting a candle in honor of our fallen heroes.”

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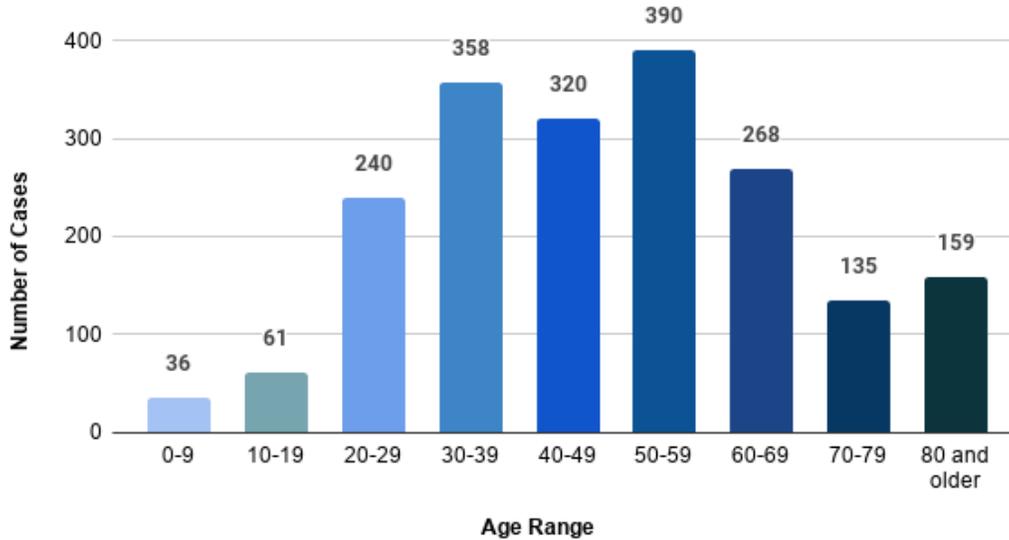
Number of Norwalk COVID-19 Cases by Date of Specimen Collection

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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