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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 28, 2020:

- Since yesterday, there are 10 new positive cases in Norwalk, bringing the total positive reported cases to 1,997. There were three new deaths reported. Now, a total of 130 residents have died from coronavirus.
- City officials remind the public that playgrounds are closed until further notice. Playgrounds are high touch point areas that cannot be routinely disinfected. Despite repeated messages and posted signage, caution tape covering slides and playground equipment is continually being removed. Those found using playgrounds will be removed and issued a summons for violating a public health order.
- The State Department of Social Services has extended the application period for the Connecticut Energy Assistance Program. Residents now have until Monday, June 1, 2020, to apply for assistance to help cover this past winter's heating bills. Norwalk residents can call 203-384-6904 ext. 3027 for assistance. For more information visit ct.gov/staywarm.
- Residents are reminded that when in public and a six-foot distance is unavoidable, face coverings are required. It is important to remember that this does not apply to anyone for whom doing so would be contrary to their health because of a medical condition. It also is not necessary to wear a face covering when next to members of the same household. For more details on the importance of face coverings, how to properly wear a mask, or how to make one at home, visit norwalkct.org/coronavirus.
- There are COVID-19 testing sites in and around Norwalk for those seeking to be tested with or without symptoms. With or without insurance, there is no cost to be tested for COVID-19. Some testing locations require an appointment be made in advance, and others require an order from a medical professional prior to arrival. For a list of locations and more details visit 211ct.org/covidtesting.

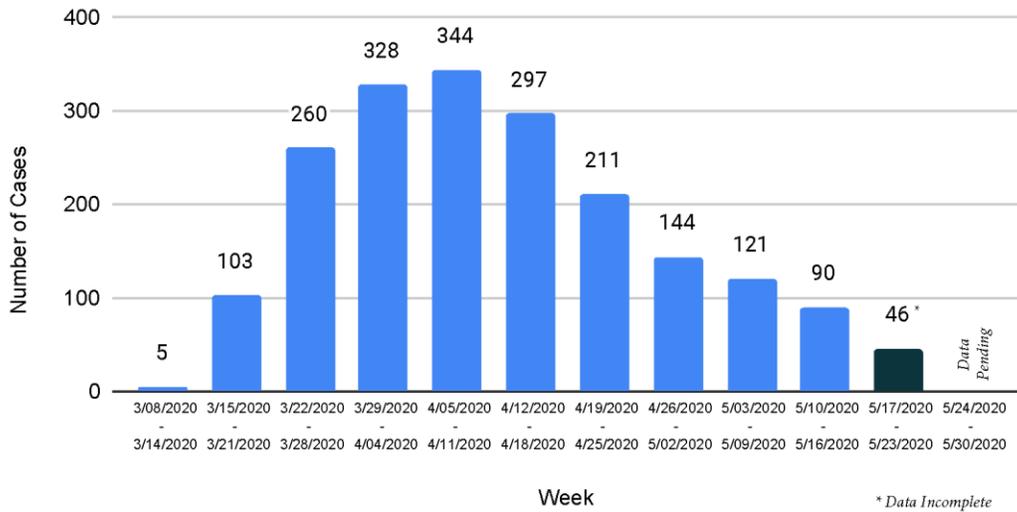
“Sadly we have lost three more residents to COVID-19. I offer my heartfelt sympathies to their loved ones. This virus is contagious and deadly, and it is so important that we continue to take precautions. I caution residents that the fight is not over and to not get too relaxed,” Mayor Rilling said. “It is disheartening that there are still those who think the rules do not apply to them. Finding caution tape torn down or signage toppled over is not the way we will safely move forward as a community. I urge the public to follow the guidelines in place. This is for their own health and safety, and that of our entire city.”

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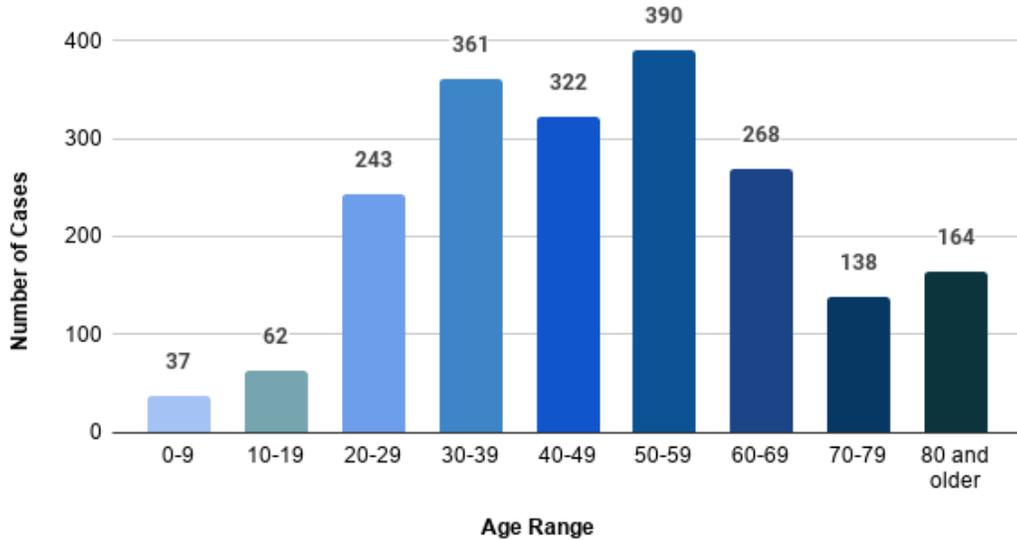
Number of Norwalk COVID-19 Cases by Date of Specimen Collection

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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