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, June 14, 2020:

- Since yesterday, there are two new positive cases in Norwalk, bringing the total positive reported cases to 2,059. There were no new deaths reported.
- The annual summer reading program through the Norwalk Public Library starts tomorrow, June 15, and runs through August 31. Students can read and participate in challenges to earn badges and earn virtual raffle tickets. Register at norwalkpl.beanstack.org, or contact Library at (203) 899-2780 ext. 15131 or email YouthServices@norwalkpl.org with any questions.
- The U.S. Census Bureau is monitoring coronavirus closely. City officials ask those living Norwalk to complete the Census online, by phone, or by mail. To date, the national response rate is about 60.9%, and in Connecticut, 64.6%. In Norwalk, the response rate is at 63.5%. View results as they come in at 2020census.gov.
- Last year, the City of Norwalk issued nearly 2,700 dog licenses. All of these licenses must be renewed for 2020, and any new dogs over six months of age or currently unlicensed must also register. With City Hall closed to the public, the Town Clerk’s office is accepting dog license renewals via mail or at the walk-up window at City Hall. Dog owners have until August 1 before any late fees go into effect.
- Phase Two of the Reopen Norwalk Plan will be released tomorrow, Monday, June 15, and will go into effect on June 17 to coincide with the state’s Phase Two reopening. It will be posted at norwalkct.org/reopennorwalk.

“My team and I have been reviewing the Reopen Norwalk Plan, where we have been giving thoughtful considerations to all of the municipal facilities and services. We continue to be cautious, but will be loosening restrictions, expanding hours, and opening more amenities at our facilities this week,” Mayor Rilling said. “We have come a long way in the three months from when the first case hit Norwalk because of the diligence of our community. People continue to treat coronavirus seriously by wearing a face covering in public and physically distancing, and that is helping keep numbers down and allows us to continue to reopen. I appreciate the hard work and effort everyone has put in to help get us here.”

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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