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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, June 19, 2020:

- Since yesterday, there are two new positive cases in Norwalk, bringing the total positive reported cases to 2,065. There was one new death reported. Now, a total of 137 residents have died from coronavirus.
- Employees of five Connecticut state agencies who have frequent contact with constituents in congregate settings, hospitals, and nursing homes have been identified as meeting the requirements to receive mandatory COVID-19 testing. The identified agencies include the Department of Correction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, the Department of Children and Families, and the Department of Developmental Services. More information at ct.gov.
- Due to COVID-19, the City canceled its in-person camps at this time. While the City explores the potential for in-person activities later this summer, free online programming for all ages and interests will begin on July 6. No pre-registration will be required and each class is free. A calendar of programming and events will be available online at norwalkct.org.
- Tax bills are being sent out, and as a result of COVID-19, a three month “no questions asked” extension was authorized. Most Norwalk taxpayers have until October 1, 2020 to pay without incurring interest fees. Bills can be paid by mail, online, at the City Hall walk-up window, or at 13 Norwalk bank locations. Visit norwalkct.org/taxcollector for more details.
- While City Hall remains closed to the public due to COVID-19, local officials remind residents that all staff continue to work through the pandemic. To ensure no one full department has to close entirely due to an infection, employees are working staggered shifts, and in accordance with State of Connecticut reopen guidelines for offices, working remotely where possible. Phone calls and emails will be returned as quickly as possible.

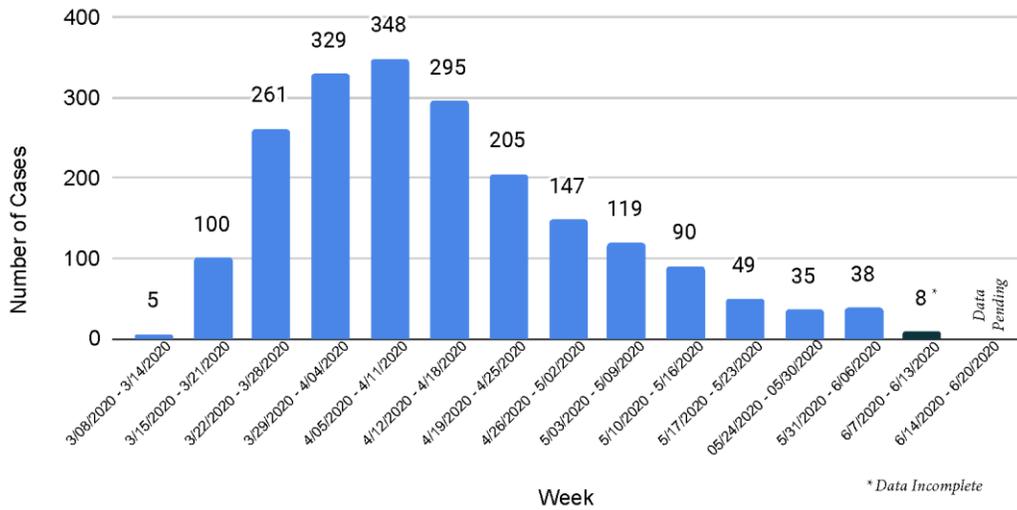
“I am sorry to share that another resident has died as a result of COVID-19. I hope their family and friends can find peace and comfort. I am very sorry for their loss,” Mayor Rilling said. “While cases slow, please remember the virus is still here, and is still deadly. We have now lost 137 residents who are not just numbers on a page. They are our friends, family, neighbors, coworkers - they are our community. Let us not lose sight of how much we have lost, and how far we have come in the last three-plus months as we continue to move forward.”

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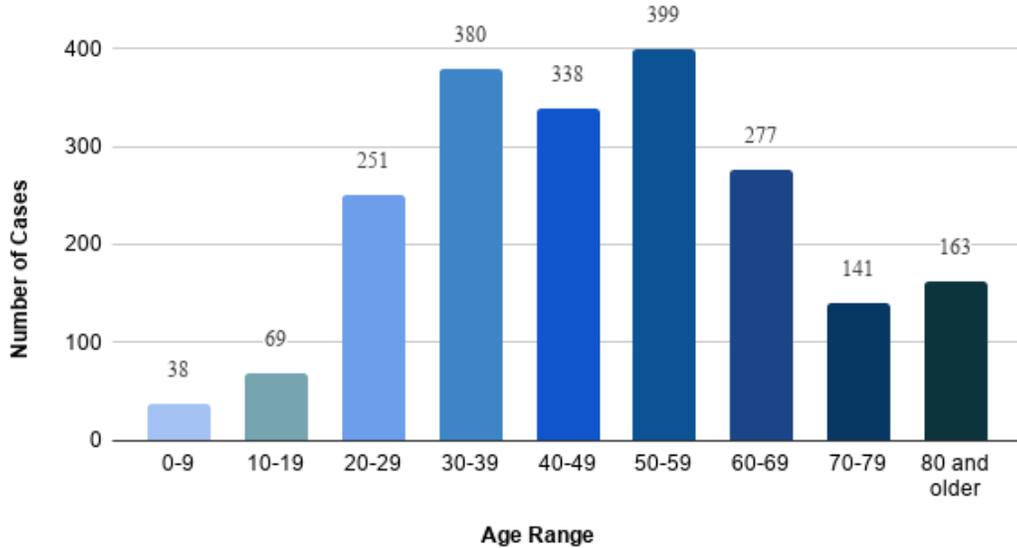
Number of Norwalk COVID-19 Cases by Date of Specimen Collection

Test results may be reported several days after collection. Does not include cases with missing specimen collection dates.



Number of Positive 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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