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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 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 23, 2020:

- Since yesterday, there is one new positive case in Norwalk, bringing the total positive reported cases to 2,068. There were no new deaths reported.
- Mayor Rilling will be joined by Lamond Daniels, Norwalk's Chief of Community Services, for a Town Hall on Wednesday, June 24, at 7 p.m. The Mayor will provide brief updates on the Phase Two reopening, but the major focus will be on the creation of a new Equity and Justice for All Committee in Norwalk. The public can view the Town Hall live on Zoom and submit questions.
- With more people home during the COVID-19 crisis, water demands are incredibly high. With weather getting warmer, and the area in an extended dry spell, city officials remind the public to try and conserve water where possible. Some examples include not running the water while washing dishes or brushing teeth, using a broom instead of a hose to clean sidewalks or gutters, taking shorter showers, and making sure there are no leaking pipes or faucets. Visit epa.gov for more water saving tips.
- The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program provides free help for families with low incomes to file tax returns, allowing them to receive tax credits and Coronavirus economic impact checks and to file for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) benefits. Residents making up to \$56,000 in income are eligible for these services. Visit cahs.org/covid_relief or dial 2-1-1 for more information.
- The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is advising the public not to use hand sanitizer products manufactured by Eskbiochem. The FDA said that methanol may be present, which can be toxic if absorbed through the skin or ingested. A list of products and more details can be found at fda.gov.

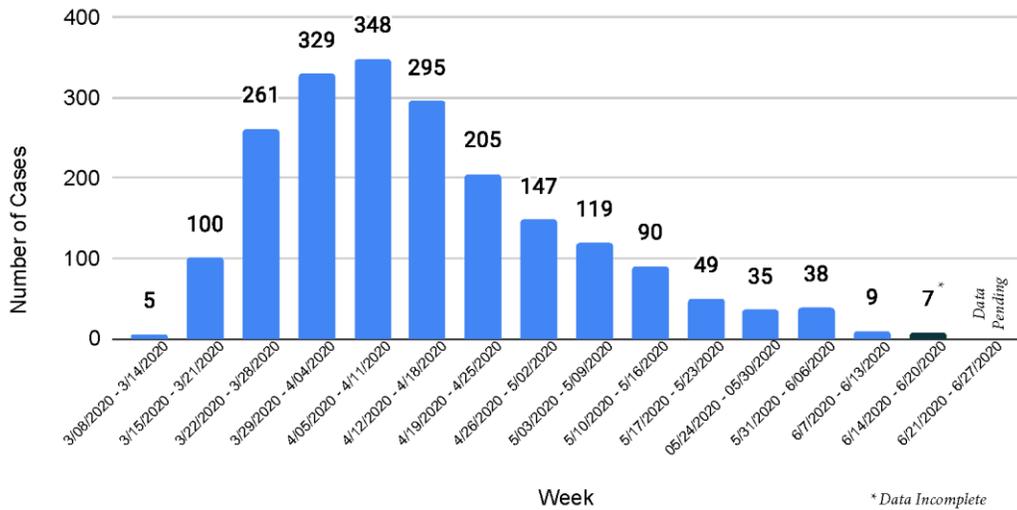
“With so many products available in-store and online, it’s critically important residents understand what they are using. Please, heed the FDA’s warning, check the hand sanitizer you may have at home, and if it contains methanol, safely dispose of it immediately,” Mayor Rilling said. “Hundreds of members of the public tuned in to our community Town Hall earlier this month where local leaders held impactful conversation. As I have said, this moment in time cannot be a place for words and no action. As protests continue in Norwalk and around the country, I have worked with my team to put together some initial action steps. This by no means is an answer, but a starting off point, and I hope the public will join us tomorrow night to ask questions, offer insights, and learn more about the Equity and Justice for All Committee.”

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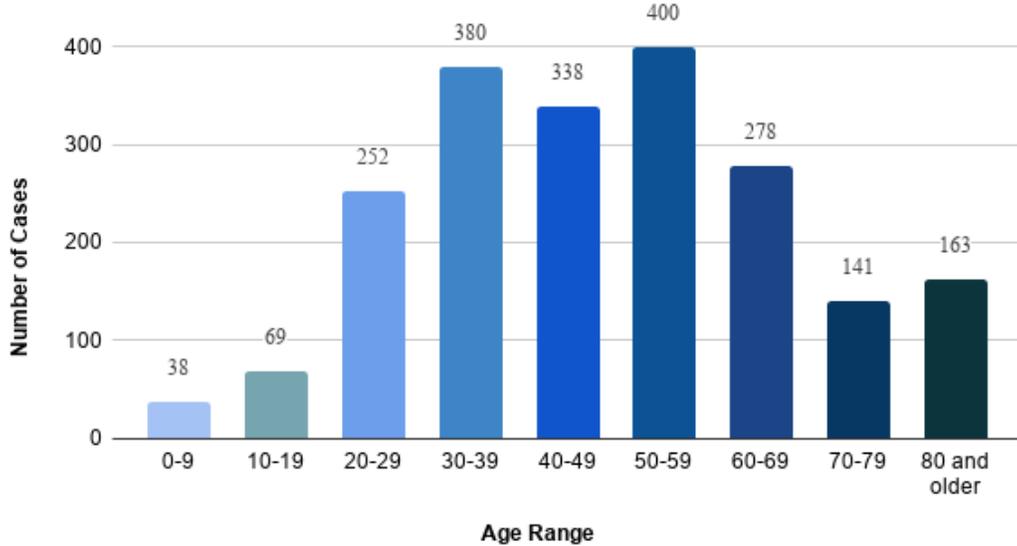
Number of Norwalk COVID-19 Cases by Date of Specimen Collection

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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