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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 Wednesday, July 1, 2020:

- Since yesterday, there are no new positive cases in Norwalk, and the total reported cases remains at 2,081. There were no new deaths reported.
- Due to COVID-19, many in the workforce are telecommuting each day. With that brings new challenges for company IT departments and staff who are trying to adapt to working from home. A popular remote access app is called LogMeIn, and unfortunately, cybercriminals are impersonating that app to gain access to personal and business computers. Officials remind the public to be extra vigilant when opening unexpected emails, downloads, or text messages to avoid potential security issues.
- The first of the “backyard” Norwalk Summer Concert Series is this Friday at 7 p.m. to kick-off the Fourth of July weekend. The “Salute to America” show will be broadcast on Facebook, YouTube, and Zoom beginning at 7 p.m. Visit facebook.com/norwalkrecreation to tune-in.
- Governor Lamont announced \$2 million in Coronavirus relief funds will be used to expand the state’s Youth Employment Program. The initiative provides year-round employment opportunities with community-based agencies throughout the state. The expanded program will help community health agencies respond to the pandemic by providing critical support and education to marginalized populations that have been disproportionately impacted by the virus. More details can be found at ct.gov.
- Beginning tomorrow, July 2, all playgrounds in Norwalk on City property - with exception of the playground at Calf Pasture Beach - will be open. Signage will be installed reminding the public about the importance of wearing face coverings and socially distancing.

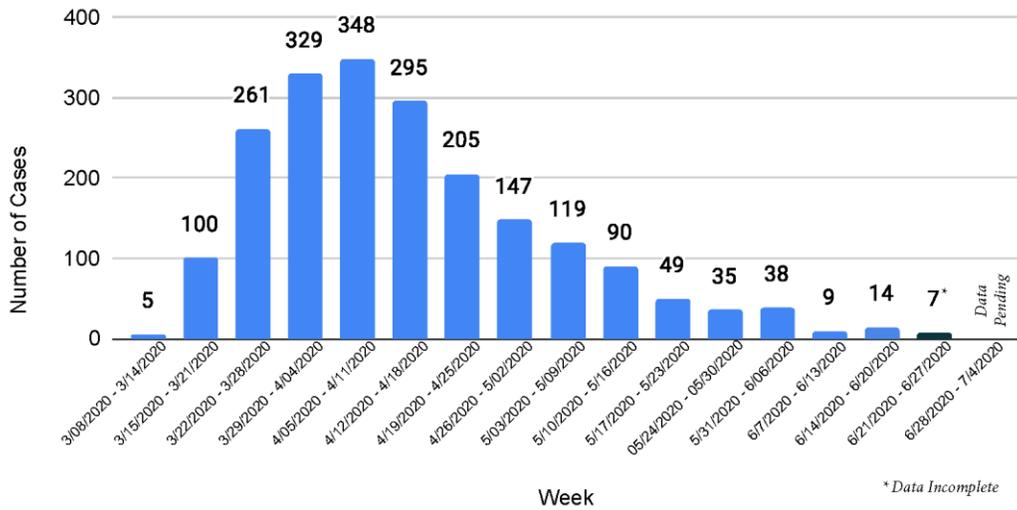
“We have many great facilities in Norwalk, and I know families have been eager to use the playgrounds. It was important to restrict access while we were in the peak of this pandemic to help slow the spread of the virus. With cases thankfully slowing, and the holiday weekend upon us, now was the right time to reopen our playgrounds,” Mayor Rilling said. “We are keeping the beach playground closed for now as that area gets crowded quickly, making it virtually impossible to socially distance. I ask the public to please use precautions when using the playground equipment, don’t congregate together with those outside of your own home, and to wash your hands or use hand sanitizer when done. These measures will help ensure we can keep the playgrounds open for the foreseeable future.”

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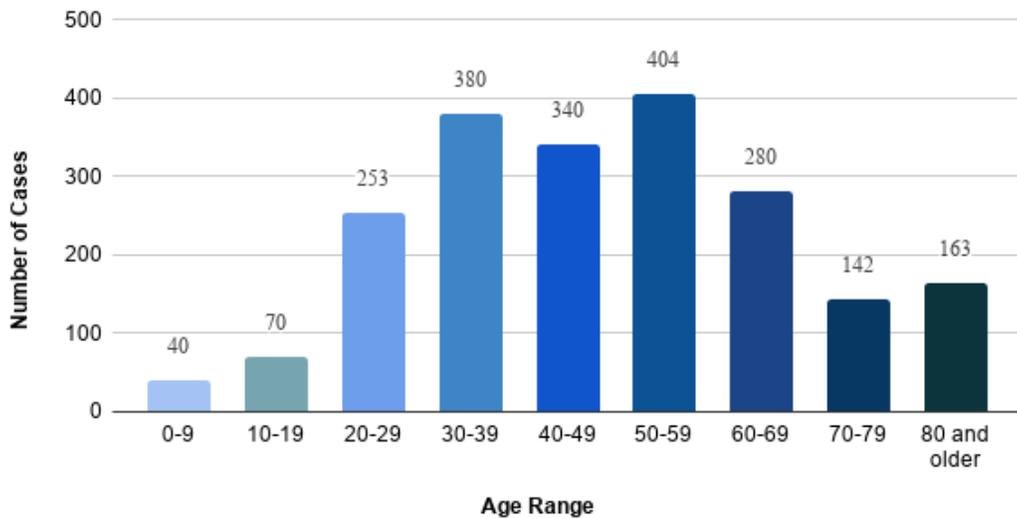
Number of Norwalk COVID-19 Cases by Date of Specimen Collection

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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