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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 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 18, 2020:

- Since yesterday, there are no new positive cases in Norwalk and the total positive reported cases remains at 2,107. There were no new deaths reported.
- Mayor Rilling signed an executive order on Friday, July 17, restricting non-resident access to Calf Pasture Beach through at least Monday, July 20. The order also permitted 100 overflow parking spaces at Taylor Farm for residents. Read more at norwalkct.org.
- In-person graduation plans for the first week in August have been set for Norwalk High School, P-TECH Norwalk, Brien McMahon High School and the Center for Global Studies. Students and families will have the option for either an in-person ceremony that follows State guidance on group sizes and social distancing, or a drive through option for those who prefer it. School principals and directors will be in touch with the Class of 2020 to share more specific plans, including dates and timing.
- The city launched a new beach hotline that includes pre-recorded messages regarding parking capacity and other important status updates at Calf Pasture Beach. The public is encouraged to call 203-854-7938 for updates before heading to the beach.
- Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Ned Lamont signed an executive order allowing all registered voters in Connecticut to vote absentee in the August 11, 2020 primary. Secretary of the State Denise Merrill mailed every registered Democrat and Republican in the state an application that they will need to fill out and return in order to obtain an absentee ballot. Completed ballots can be mailed or returned to a secure drop box outside of City Hall.

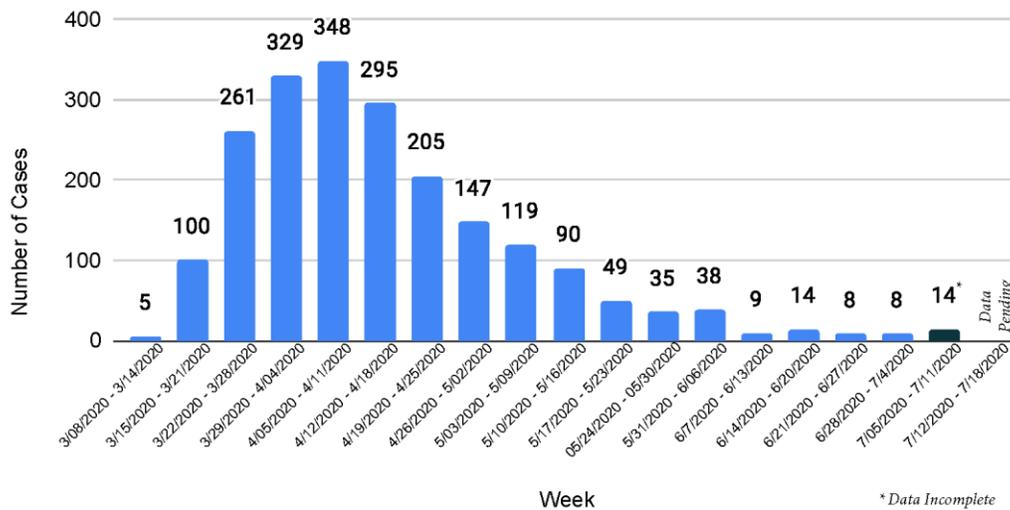
“I felt it was important to issue an order to protect the health and safety of Norwalk residents. COVID-19 has limited the number of parking spaces and capacity at the beach to ensure social distancing. With many areas closing their facilities, it was important to me that residents have access to the beach if they so choose,” Mayor Rilling said. “I appreciate the Governor and Secretary of State ensuring voters can vote via absentee ballot in next month’s primary. I hope this provision extends to the General Election in the fall because people shouldn’t be forced to choose between exercising their civic right to vote and their health.”

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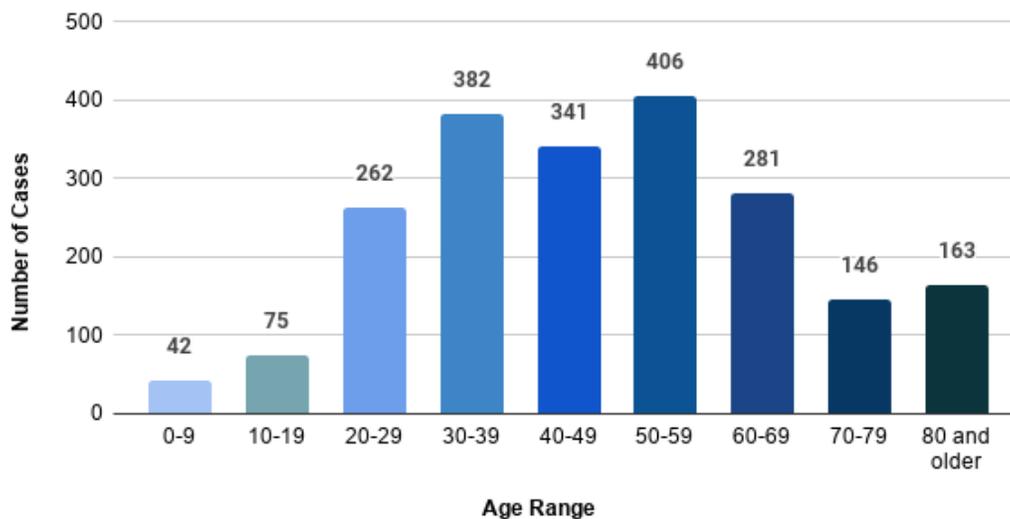
Number of Norwalk COVID-19 Cases by Date of Specimen Collection

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



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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