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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](https://ct.gov/coronavirus). Mayor Rilling provided the following Norwalk-area specific updates regarding COVID-19 coronavirus as of 4:30 p.m. on Monday, July 20, 2020:

- Since yesterday, there are three new positive cases in Norwalk, bringing the total positive reported cases to 2,110. There were also two new deaths reported which occurred in May and June. Now, a total of 144 residents have died from Coronavirus.
- Mayor Rilling amended his July 17 executive order limiting non-resident access to the beach to include just Saturdays and Sundays through October 15. Non-resident walk-ins or drop-offs will not be permitted on weekends. Residents will be permitted to walk-in with proper identification. All existing permit and pass holders will not be affected by the order. Non-resident parking will be available weekdays and will be restricted to 75 spaces at Taylor Farm. Parking capacity restrictions for Norwalk residents will follow the Reopen Norwalk Plan and will remain in effect until further notice.
- The City and Norwalk Health Department created a survey in an effort to match residents who are seeking to help the community with local organizations in need of volunteers. Those interested can complete the Volunteer Survey by visiting [bit.ly/norwalkvolunteer](https://bit.ly/norwalkvolunteer).
- Connecticut's State Public Health Laboratory has uncovered a flaw in one of the testing systems it uses to test for SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. The flaw, which has been reported to both the manufacturer and the federal Food and Drug Administration, led to 90 of 144 people tested during June 15-July 17, 2020 receiving a false positive COVID test report. More information is available at [ct.gov/doh](https://ct.gov/doh).
- The Norwalk Health Department and Norwalk Police Department continue to make unannounced inspections to local businesses to check compliance with state and local reopening guidelines. Employees or customers who wish to report an issue can do so by calling 2-1-1- or filling out a form online at [ct.gov](https://ct.gov).

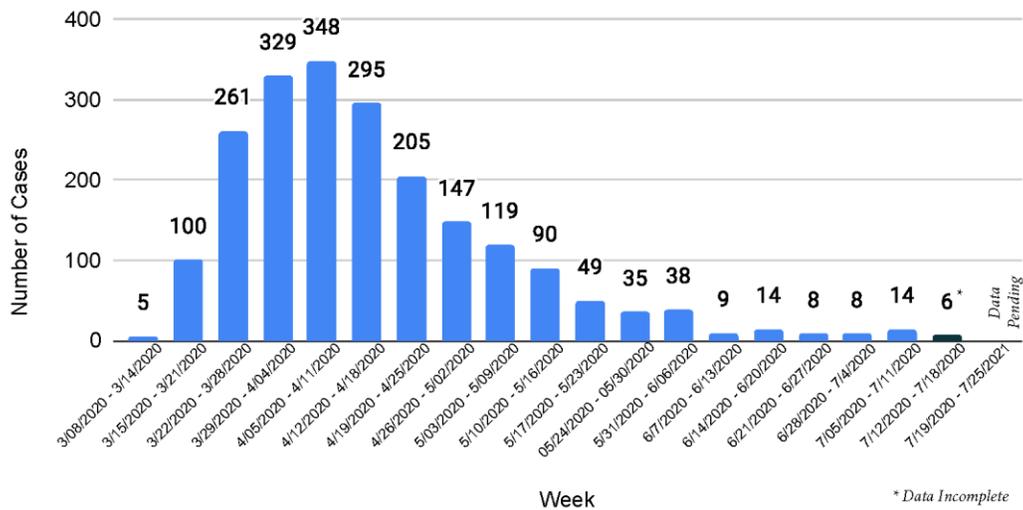
“In the interest of public health and with parking capacity limits in place, I felt the beach should be restricted to Norwalk residents on weekends. Calf Pasture Beach is probably the most desirable beach in Connecticut and I want our residents to be able to enjoy it safely. Weekends are the busiest times at the beach and when we are most likely to reach capacity. It made sense to extend the order to include Saturdays and Sundays for the health and well-being of our residents,” Mayor Rilling said. “I am pleased that our Health and Police Departments continue to follow up on complaints and make spot checks on local businesses. As time goes by, some may feel more relaxed and want to loosen restrictions, but it is imperative that state and local guidelines are followed closely for the health and safety of everyone involved.”

Members of the public are encouraged to sign-up for the City's CodeRED Emergency Alert Notification System at [norwalkct.org/codered](https://norwalkct.org/codered). Updates on City services, hours, and community resources will be routinely published at [norwalkct.org/citynews](https://norwalkct.org/citynews). The latest health updates can be found at [norwalkct.org/coronavirus](https://norwalkct.org/coronavirus).

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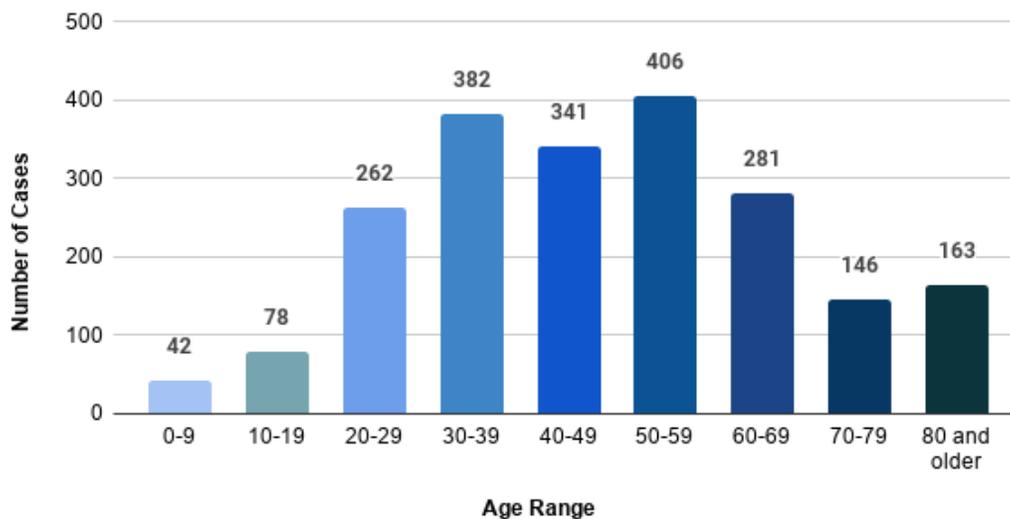
## Number of Norwalk COVID-19 Cases by Date of Specimen Collection

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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