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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 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 22, 2020:

- Since yesterday, there are four new positive cases in Norwalk, bringing the total positive reported cases to 2,116. There were no new deaths reported.
- Governor Lamont signed an Executive Order strengthening the self-quarantine requirements for visitors entering Connecticut from high-risk states. The travel advisory is now mandatory and has been taken in conjunction with similar measures by the governors of New Jersey and New York. Under the new order, failure to comply may result in a \$1,000 penalty imposed by the Connecticut Department of Public Health. More information is available at ct.gov.
- The State of Connecticut released additional guidance for indoor and outdoor events. Currently, indoor private events have a capacity of 25 people, and outdoor events 100 people. Gathering size restrictions will be updated by the Governor's executive orders periodically in response to current public health data. More details can be found at ct.gov/coronavirus.
- The Wheels2U microtransit service in Norwalk has returned. The service is available Thursday from 5 p.m. - 10 p.m., Friday and Saturday 5 p.m. - midnight and Sunday noon - 9 p.m. Ridership capacity is 50% of normal, and masks/face coverings must be worn at all times. For more information, and to download the Wheels2U app, visit norwalktransit.com.
- In May, the City installed concrete barriers on the south side of Washington Street to allow for expanded outdoor dining space for businesses. The Norwalk Arts Commission worked with local artists to paint tarps to cover the barriers. A special ribbon cutting ceremony is planned for tomorrow, July 23, at 11 a.m.

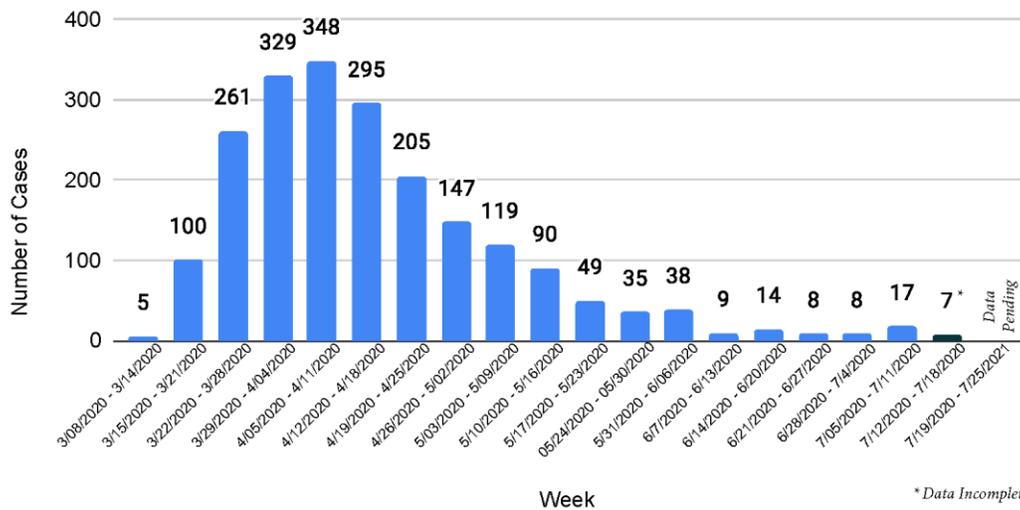
“The guidelines produced by the State of Connecticut are in place to ensure the health and safety of staff and the public attending an indoor or outdoor event. It’s critically important venues follow these guidelines closely,” Mayor Rilling said. “The public and business response to the barriers on Washington Street has been positive. I appreciate the hard work and effort of the Arts Commission and local art community for producing this one-of-a-kind outdoor gallery. Norwalk is full of talent and inspiration, and I am so pleased to see that come to life in SoNo.”

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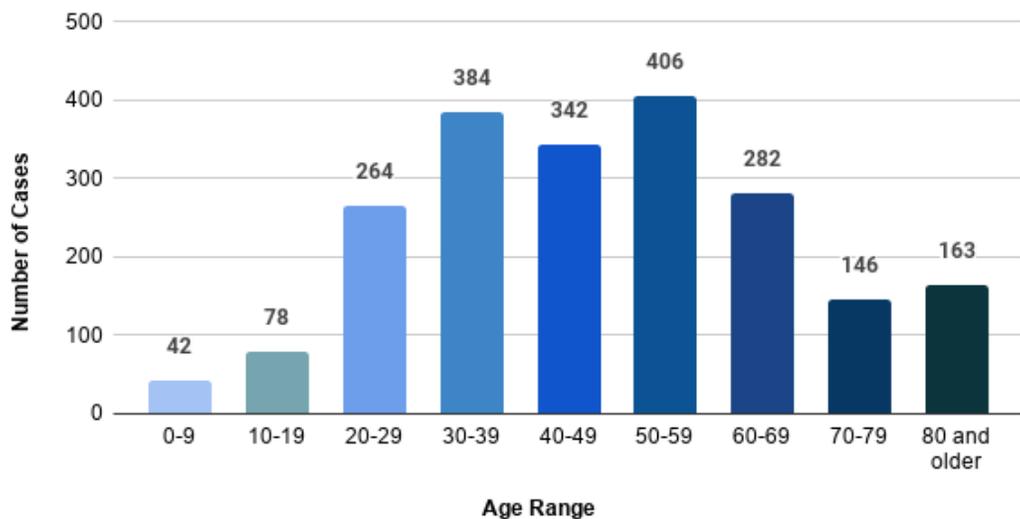
Number of Norwalk COVID-19 Cases by Date of Specimen Collection

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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