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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 www.ct.gov/coronavirus. Mayor Rilling provided the following Norwalk-area specific updates regarding COVID-19 coronavirus as of 5 p.m. on Saturday, July 25, 2020:

- Since yesterday, there is 1 new positive case in Norwalk, bringing the total positive reported cases to 2,122. There were no new deaths reported.
- The Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development announced yesterday some updates they made to [industry-specific rules](#) during the COVID-19 pandemic. Highlights include:
 - New rules for indoor recreation and expanded guidance for outdoor events.
 - Nonessential businesses have the right to refuse service to anyone not wearing a mask.
 - In the event an employee tests positive for COVID-19, it is recommended the business implement a 24-hour passive decontamination and follow CDC guidelines for cleaning and disinfection.
 - Servers are no longer required to wear gloves in restaurants.
 - Indoor performances are now allowed in restaurants (with the exception of musical vocalists).
 - Hotels are now permitted to provide nonessential services and amenities.
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released [updated guidance and resources](#) for school administrators, teachers, parents, guardians, and caregivers for schools planning for reopening this fall.
- The Norwalk Public Schools submitted its [plan](#) to the Connecticut Department of Education for the reopening of schools this fall. The Plan was designed by the NPS Reopening Task Force, a group comprised of district and school leaders, community health experts, teachers, staff, parents, community members, and individuals from partner organizations.

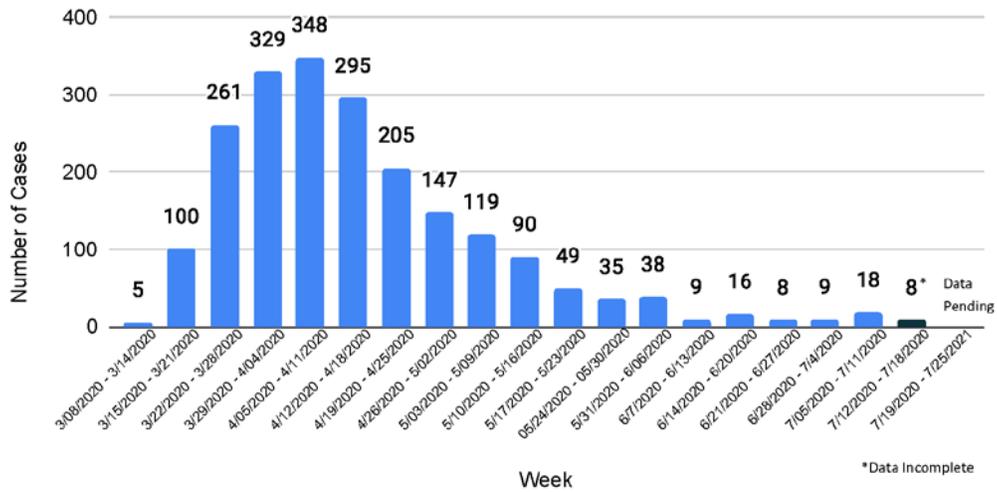
“We all must continue to wear face coverings, practice physical distancing, wash our hands, and stay home when we don’t feel well,” Mayor Rilling said. “City staff will continue to educate the public and businesses about the sector rules for reopening and conduct enforcement, but residents need to be diligent within their own homes and neighborhoods. Even though cases numbers are low, COVID-19 is still here in Norwalk and we need to make sure we do not relax our efforts.”

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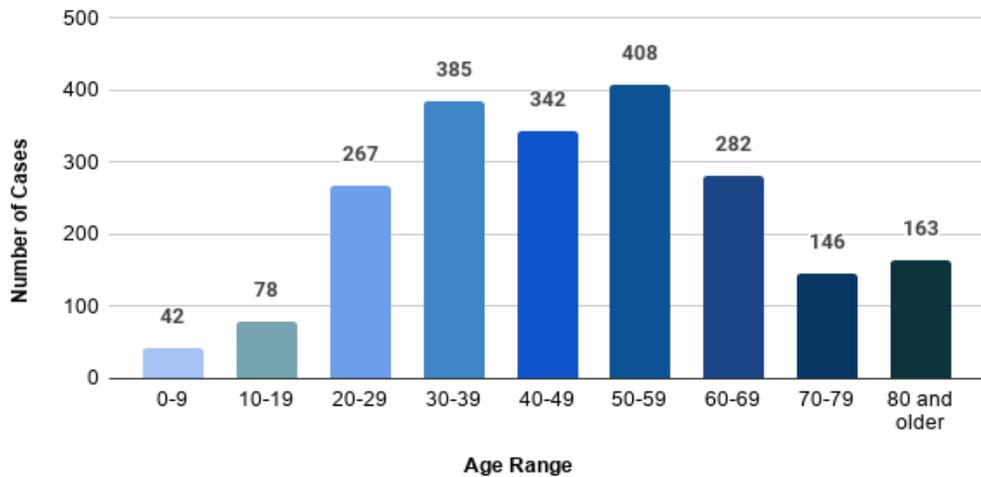
Number of Norwalk COVID-19 Cases by Date of Specimen Collection

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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