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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 Thursday, July 30, 2020:

- Since yesterday, there are no new positive cases in Norwalk. Total positive reported cases remains at 2,128. There were no new deaths reported.
- The state has seen outbreak clusters of COVID-19 cases among teens and young adults - 18 to 29 year olds - in recent weeks. Please remember that 40% of COVID cases are asymptomatic and can be spread to other, more vulnerable individuals even though the asymptomatic person feels well. It is important to continue to use precaution especially at gatherings which continues to be capped outdoors to 100 people and indoors to 25 people.
- Absentee ballots are now being mailed to voters who returned applications. Completed ballots can be returned by mail, or left in secure drop boxes outside City Hall or Norwalk Police Department. Polling places will also be open on August 11th for those who wish to vote in-person.
- Governor Lamont is encouraging Connecticut residents to sign up for *CTAlert*, the state's emergency alert system, which provides text message notifications to users. To subscribe, text the keyword **COVIDCT** to **888-777**.
- Recent hot and dry weather conditions coupled with unprecedented high water demands have created dry conditions in Norwalk and throughout Fairfield County. Residents and businesses are being asked to reduce their water usage now in order to limit the need for stricter restrictions later. Visit epa.gov for steps you can take at home to conserve water.

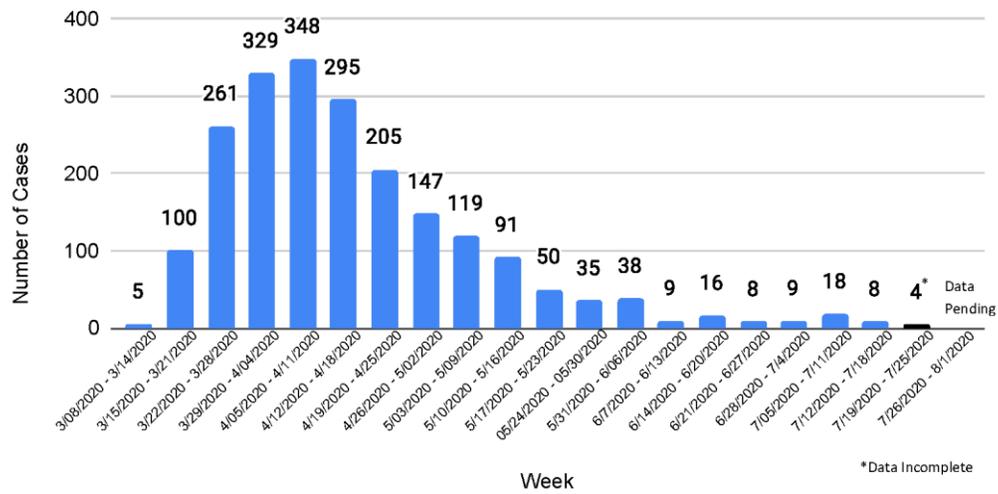
"It is critical that we continue to take proper precautions to reduce the spread of COVID-19," Mayor Rilling said. "We understand the importance of socializing after so many months of social distancing, but teens and young adults must still do their part to protect our community, especially those in high risk groups. Remember that there are safe ways to socialize. This involves small groups, being outdoors, following safety guidelines, and wearing a mask."

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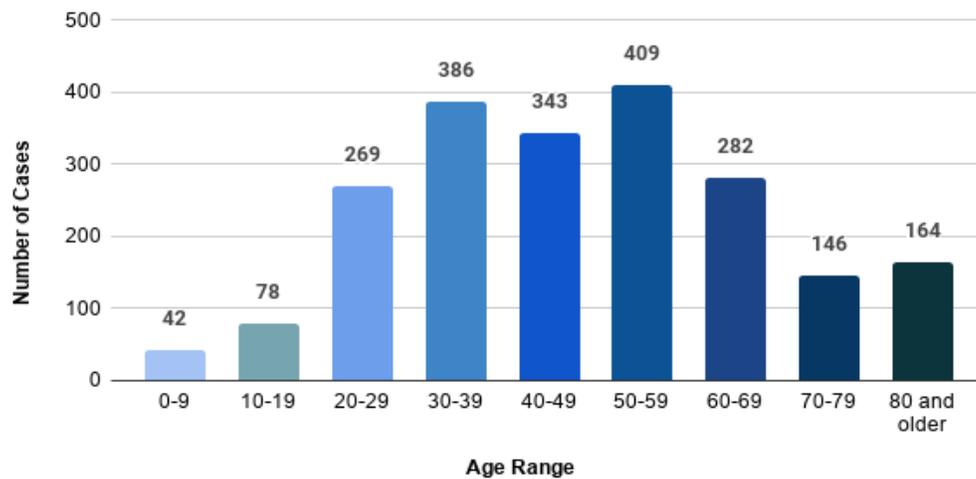
Number of Norwalk COVID-19 Cases by Date of Specimen Collection

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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