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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 5:00 p.m. on Monday, August 10, 2020:

- Since yesterday, there are two new positive cases in Norwalk, bringing the total positive reported cases to 2,135. There were no new deaths reported.
- As of 4 p.m. today, there were still nearly 1,000 Eversource customers without power in Norwalk across 170 different streets. With a heat index in the 90s for the next few days, Mayor Rilling has opened the Community Room at the Norwalk Police Department as a cooling center. Masks/face coverings are required.
- City crews continue to clear debris from roadways and municipal properties. Due to the overwhelming amount of debris that has been cleared, the Yard Waste Site is nearly at capacity. It will be at least two weeks before a city-wide yard waste collection will occur and more details will be announced shortly. The Yard Waste Site is open this week from 7:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. weekdays, and Saturday from 7:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. A [disposal pass](#) is required.
- The Department of Social Services provided \$16.4 million in emergency Supplemental Nutrition Assistance (SNAP) benefits to nearly half of Connecticut's SNAP participants on Saturday, August 8, 2020 - adding to the \$84.5 million in emergency benefits disbursed in April, May, June and July. These benefits were originally scheduled for August 14, but DSS pushed up the distribution date to further help eligible households with immediate food needs due to Tropical Storm Isaias. More details at ct.gov/dss.
- A new interior Customer Service window opened today inside City Hall that will help serve the public during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The window is staffed by Customer Service representatives Monday - Friday from 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Members of the public can walk-in with questions, and they must wear a mask/face covering. Residents are asked to continue to call and email departments with specific questions.

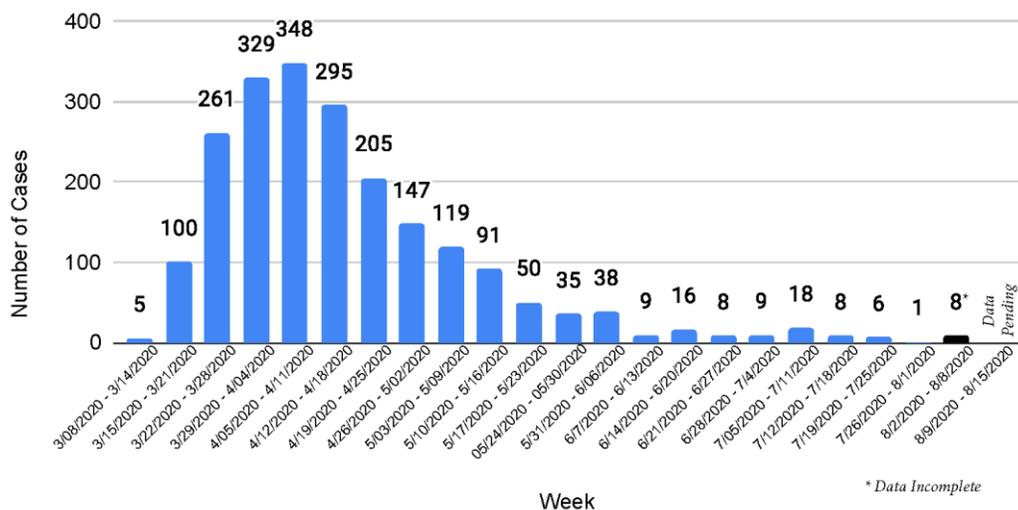
“I continue to be disappointed with the slow response time from Eversource. The biggest issue during this storm and aftermath has been the total lack of communication from Eversource management. Surely more storms will hit Connecticut and this has to improve and improve fast,” Mayor Rilling said. “It took some time to convert and build new space in City Hall and I felt it was important to create a user-friendly indoor area where residents can have their questions answered, drop off and pick up files, and speak directly with staff. Although City Hall is closed to the public, employees continue to carry out their responsibilities to serve Norwalk residents and businesses.”

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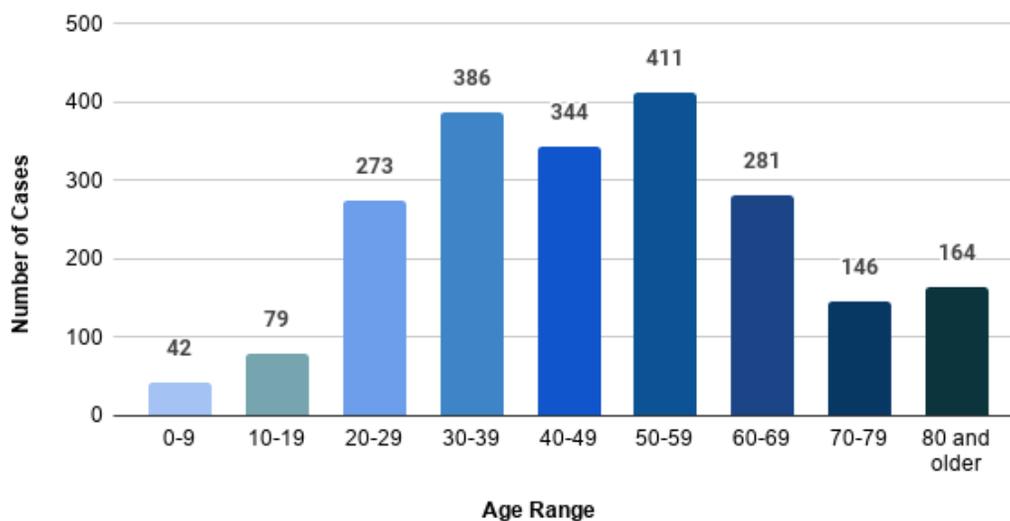
Number of Norwalk COVID-19 Cases by Date of Specimen Collection

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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