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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 Thursday, August 20, 2020:

- Since yesterday, there are two new positive cases in Norwalk, bringing total positive reported cases to 2,156. There were no new deaths reported.
- Yesterday, Norwalk Public Schools announced that it was delaying the first day of school for students one week. The opening date is now Tuesday, September 8. The additional time will be used to be make sure all health and safety precautions are in place. More details can be found at norwalkps.org.
- Attorney General William Tong is alerting consumers to surcharges by healthcare providers that may violate the Connecticut Unfair Trade Practices Act. Healthcare providers are strongly encouraged, if not required, to wear personal protective equipment (PPE) and to require that their patients do so, too. However, some providers may be improperly charging patients for the additional PPE or other COVID-19 control measures. Attorney General Tong is asking consumers who have been charged a fee to file a complaint. More information, including how to file a complaint, can be found at ct.gov/ag.
- Due to COVID-19 and to protect the health and safety of residents, Mayor Rilling has restricted non-resident access to the beach on weekends and holidays through October 15. Residents are reminded to verify their license plate information online before heading to a Norwalk park or beach to avoid any issues. Visit norwalkct.org/passes to verify plate information. Recreation and Parks Staff are also available to assist at the walk up window inside City Hall from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. on weekdays.
- The Norwalk Health Department and Norwalk Police Department continue spot checks and unannounced inspections of various Norwalk businesses and restaurants. Establishments found in violation of state and local public health orders may be fined or ordered to close. Members of the public can report issues regarding food establishments to the Norwalk Health Department at (203) 854-7776 and issues regarding other businesses to the Norwalk Police Department non-emergency line (203) 854-3000.

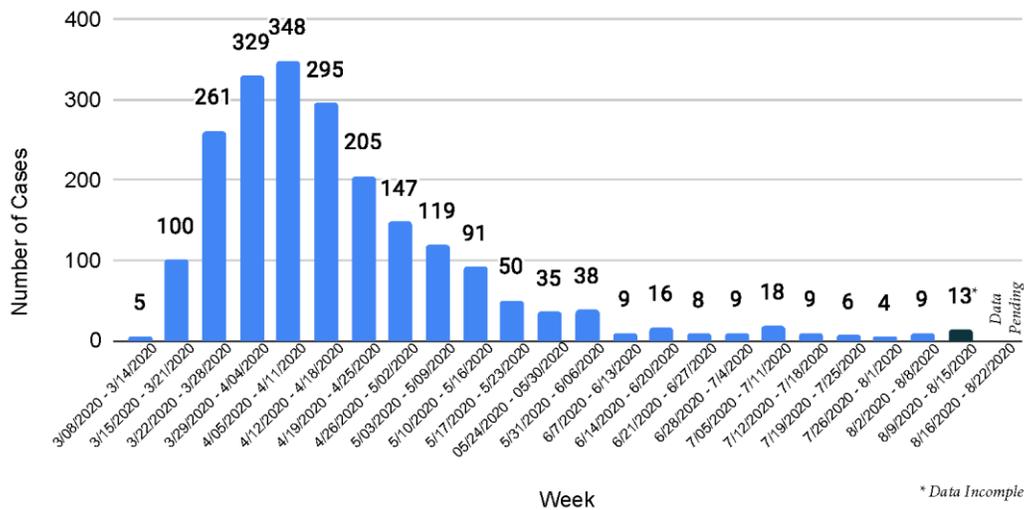
“While this has not been the normal summer by any means, we are still seeing significant activity at our beaches and parks. As we approach Labor Day and the unofficial end of summer, I encourage residents to continue to be mindful of the guidelines in place, and to please verify their license plate information ahead of time. With non-resident access restricted on weekends and holidays, it is important residents ensure their information is up-to-date,” Mayor Rilling said. “I am pleased that a majority of businesses are following the reopening guidelines. However, there are some that need to be reminded about the use of face coverings and hours of operation. We continue to monitor businesses and strictly enforce these guidelines for the health and safety of the public.”

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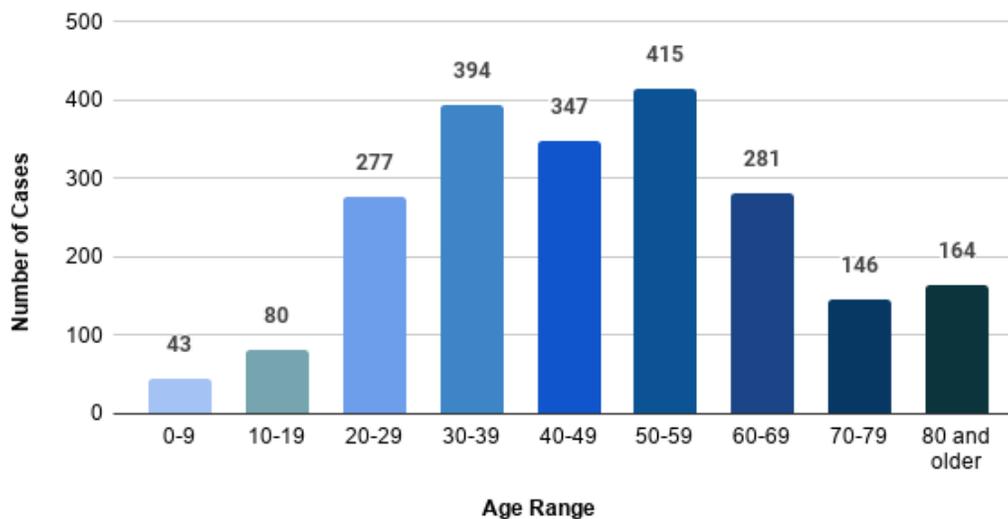
Number of Norwalk COVID-19 Cases by Date of Specimen Collection

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

Data are preliminary and subject to change

