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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 27, 2020:

- Since yesterday, there are three new positive cases in Norwalk, bringing the total positive reported cases to 2,167. There were no new deaths reported.
- Free COVID-19 testing will be available tomorrow, August 28, from 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. at Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji Foundation, 611 West Avenue, in Norwalk. No insurance or other documentation is required. Visit chc1.com for more information and additional testing sites.
- Governor Ned Lamont, Governor Andrew Cuomo of New York, and Governor Phil Murphy of New Jersey released a joint statement on a federal decision to weaken COVID-19 testing guidelines. In the statement, the Governors said “New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut will continue to follow the advice of health experts to contain and prevent the spread of COVID-19, and therefore will not be changing our guidance.” Read the statement at ct.gov.
- The City of Norwalk filed a motion asking the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA) to impose sanctions and penalties on Eversource as part of its investigation into the company’s preparedness and response to Tropical Storm Isaias. There is currently a spike in COVID-19 cases in Danbury, and officials in Danbury suspect the long power outage is one cause. Local health officials in Norwalk are watching this situation closely, as the City experienced sustained outages. More details are available at norwalkct.org.
- On Monday, August 31, Superintendent Dr. Alexandra Estrella will hold virtual forums for middle school and high school students in Norwalk. Students are invited to meet with Dr. Estrella to learn more about the upcoming school year. The forums will be held on Zoom at 4:30 p.m. for middle school students, and 5:30 p.m. for high school students.

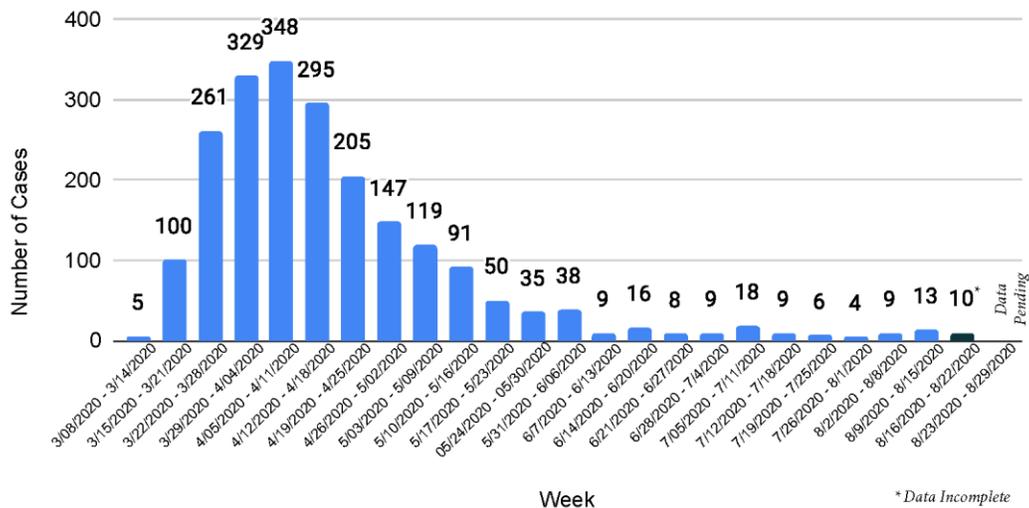
“We are watching our case numbers closely. The long power outages during Isaias, and the ongoing power issues with Eversource in Norwalk, are concerning as it may have led people to congregate together or seek out neighbors and friends with running water or air conditioning, potentially exposing themselves,” Mayor Rilling said. “I was pleased to see the local governors agree that we should continue following the science and advice of health experts regarding testing for COVID-19. I know the CDC has tried to walk back some of these changes, but it is critically important we continue to spread the message and raise awareness that if someone has been in recent contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, or is suspected of having it, that they get tested and quarantine. These types of measures will help keep the community safe.”

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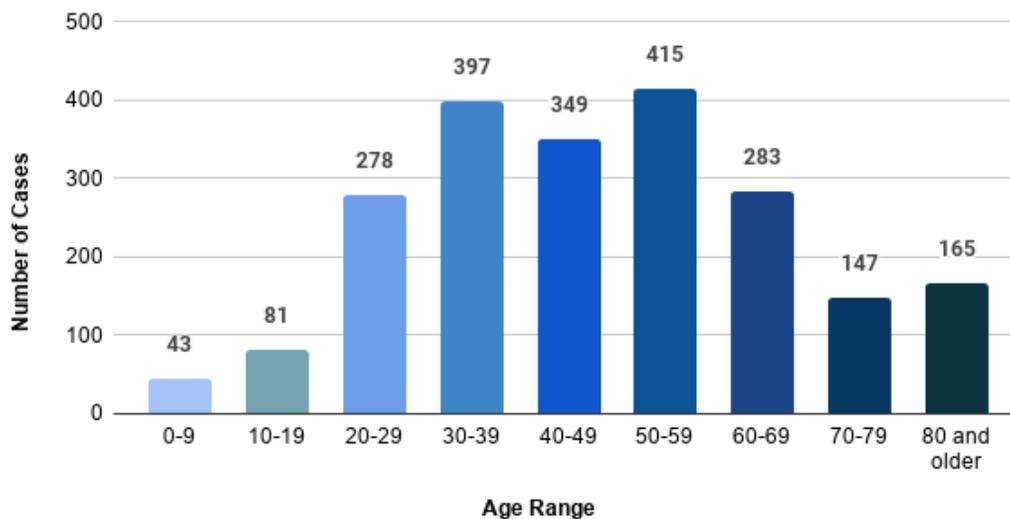
Number of Norwalk COVID-19 Cases by Date of Specimen Collection

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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