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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](https://ct.gov/coronavirus). Mayor Rilling provided the following Norwalk-area specific updates regarding COVID-19 coronavirus as of 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 28, 2020:

- Since yesterday, there are no new positive cases in Norwalk, and the total positive reported cases remains 2,167. There were no new deaths reported.
- The Connecticut Department of Public Health issued an order expanding visitation in Connecticut nursing homes which allows visits more than once per week and expands visitation times. Since March 9, 2020, in-person visitation has been prohibited in Connecticut nursing homes, except for compassionate care visits only in the case where the resident is in the end stages of life when death is imminent. View the revised order at [ct.gov/dph](https://ct.gov/dph).
- Due to extremely dry conditions this summer, City officials are working with South Norwalk Electric and Water and First District Water Department on conservation efforts. Although there has been several storms in the past few weeks, they have not produced significant rainfall. City officials ask residents and businesses to make concerted efforts to conserve water where possible. Some examples include not running the water while washing dishes or brushing teeth, limiting watering or using irrigation systems for lawns and gardens, taking shorter showers, and making sure there are no leaking pipes or faucets. Visit [epa.gov](https://epa.gov) for more water saving tips.
- The City will be providing a one-time collection of storm debris on Monday, August 31. All debris must be curbside by 7 a.m. this Monday as collection trucks will only pass each street once. Any debris left in leaf bags will be collected, but due to sorting operations, the bags will be left behind. More information at [norwalkct.org](https://norwalkct.org).
- The City is expected to receive more than \$10 million in Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds (ESSR) and Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) to assist Norwalk Public Schools. The funding totals \$266 million across the state, and will be used for academic and student supports, cleaning supplies, and personal protective equipment to safely reopen schools. More details, including a by-district cost breakdown, can be found at [ct.gov](https://ct.gov).

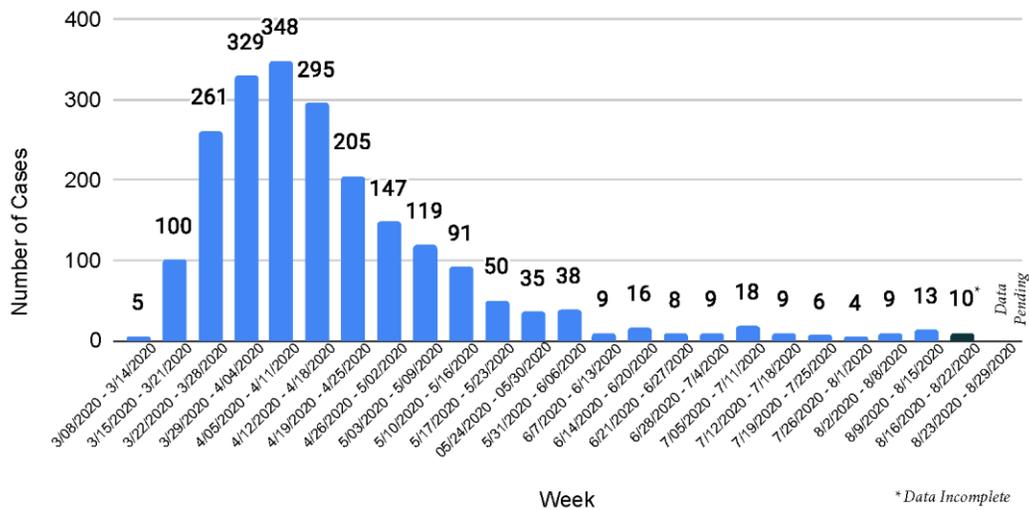
“We are on the verge of drought conditions in Norwalk. The rain storms we have received simply are not enough to offset these dry conditions. With more people home due to COVID-19, running more loads of laundry, or finding more time to garden, I ask everyone - residents and businesses - to be mindful of water usage, and to make every effort to conserve wherever possible,” Mayor Rilling said. “I appreciate the commitment from the state to provide these reimbursement funds. The state funding will be critically important to help us safely reopen schools in the coming weeks for students and staff and allow us greater flexibility as we move through the academic year.”

Members of the public are encouraged to sign-up for the City’s CodeRED Emergency Alert Notification System at [norwalkct.org/codered](https://norwalkct.org/codered). Updates on City services, hours, and community resources will be routinely published at [norwalkct.org/citynews](https://norwalkct.org/citynews). The latest health updates can be found at [norwalkct.org/coronavirus](https://norwalkct.org/coronavirus).

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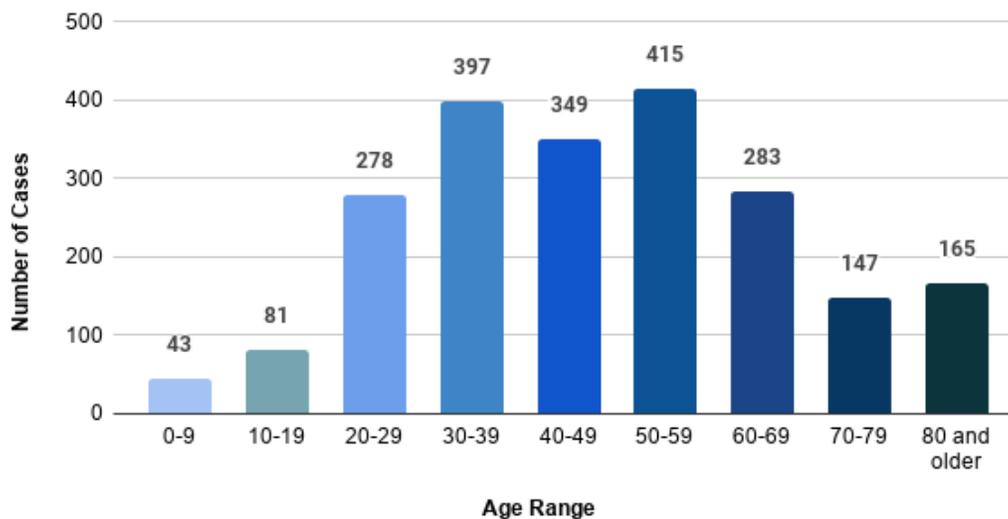
## Number of Norwalk COVID-19 Cases by Date of Specimen Collection

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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