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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 31, 2020:

- Since yesterday, there is one new positive case in Norwalk, bringing the total positive reported cases to 2,174. There were no new deaths reported.
- Norwalk Public Schools was notified over the weekend that a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 was in Kendall Elementary School last week. In keeping with public health guidelines and protocols, anyone who has in contact with this person has been asked to quarantine for 14 days and speak with their health care providers. Several classrooms will have teachers working remotely to start the school year next week, with substitutes in classrooms where teachers are not physically present.
- City Hall will reopen to the public by appointment-only on Tuesday, September 8. Appointments can be made online or by phone. Temperature checks and face coverings will be required. Members of the public are encouraged to continue to use many of the online resources available at norwalkct.org.
- The public is reminded to be extra vigilant and aware of ongoing digital scams. A recent scam involves streaming service Netflix, where cyber criminals are sending phishing emails asking users to reset their passwords or account information. Verifying account information, such as billing address and credit card information, actually reveals that information to the criminals.
- City officials continue to ask residents and businesses to conserve water wherever possible. Some examples include limiting the use of irrigation systems, only running the dishwasher or laundry machine when it's full, and turning off the water when brushing teeth or washing dishes.

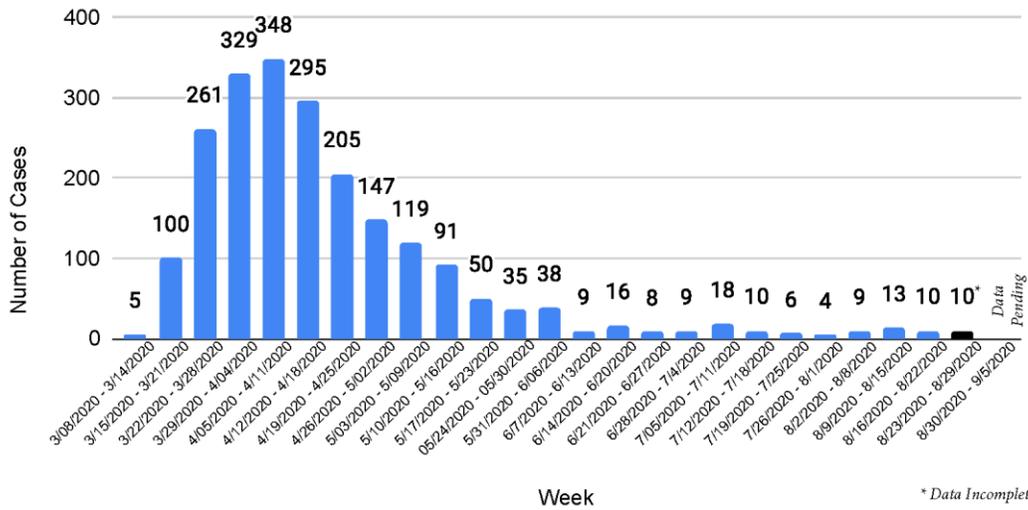
“While our case numbers have thankfully slowed from the peak earlier this spring, the fact remains COVID-19 is still in our community and still highly contagious. I am thankful Norwalk Public Schools acted quickly and followed the proper protocols when a positive case was identified. Adhering to these strict guidelines will be critically important when our schools reopen to students next week,” Mayor Rilling said. “The weekend rainfall did little to alleviate the dry conditions and low reservoir levels. I have been speaking regularly with First District Water and SNEW, and we all agree that residents and businesses can make a big difference by taking actions now to conserve water.”

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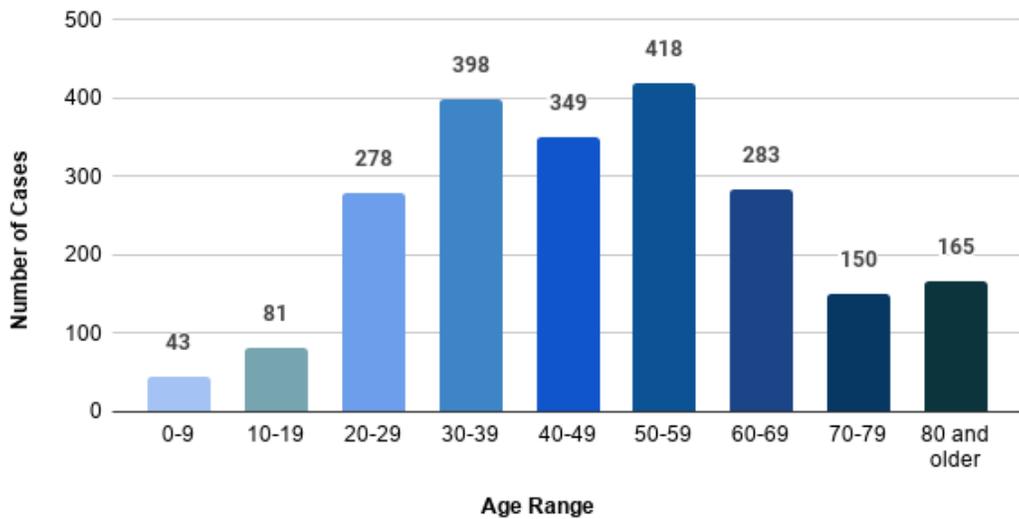
Number of Norwalk COVID-19 Cases by Date of Specimen Collection

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

