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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 Friday, September 11, 2020:

- Since yesterday, there are 11 new positive cases in Norwalk, bringing the total positive reported cases to 2,201. Three cases are recent, while eight cases are from the previous weeks and reflect ongoing data analysis. There were no new deaths reported.
- Cyber criminals are exploiting interest in a COVID-19 vaccine to steal personal information and financial data. These thieves are sending emails with “new approved vaccines” as a subject line with attachments, but when a user opens the file, it installs malicious software which can steal usernames, passwords, and other sensitive data.
- Residents are reminded of parking capacity restrictions in place at Calf Pasture Beach due to COVID-19. When lots become full the beach will be closed for a period of time. For the latest information on parking, call the Norwalk Beach Hotline at (203) 854-7938.
- The Department of Social Services will provide over \$16.5 million in Emergency Supplemental Nutrition Assistance (SNAP) benefits to nearly half of Connecticut’s SNAP participants on Thursday, September 17, 2020. The average emergency benefit amount a household will see on its electronic benefits transfer (EBT) card on September 17 is \$153. For more information, visit ct.gov/snap.
- With students returning to the classroom, local officials remind the public of state health guidance on masks and face coverings. Masks, such as N95 respirators, are not recommended for school use, neck gaiters and bandanas are questionable because they may not provide adequate droplet control and should not be worn, and valve masks are not recommended and should not be worn because the valves may allow droplets to escape through the mask. Surgical masks or cloth masks are recommended for students of all ages. More information can be found at ct.gov/dph.

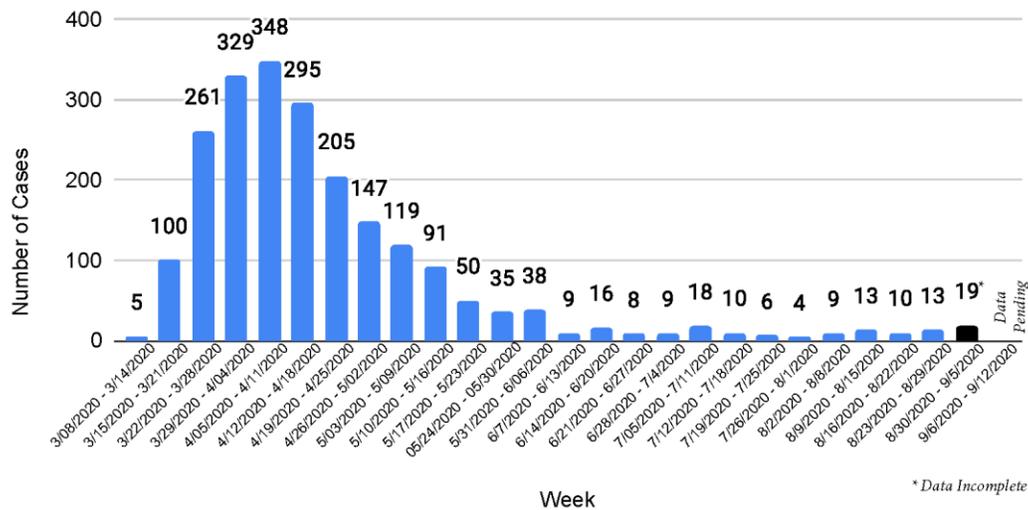
“We know that wearing a face covering that completely covers the mouth and nose has been one of the most effective strategies to slow the spread of COVID-19. With schools back for in-person learning, and more activities happening around Norwalk, it’s critically important that families and residents understand the limitations of certain face coverings to keep their loved ones safe,” Mayor Rilling said. “The weather looks clear and dry tomorrow, and residents may be out getting fresh air. I ask motorists to be extra mindful and share the road with pedestrians and cyclists. For those who are heading out to one of our beaches or parks, please continue following health guidelines while enjoying the beautiful scenery. Have a great weekend.”

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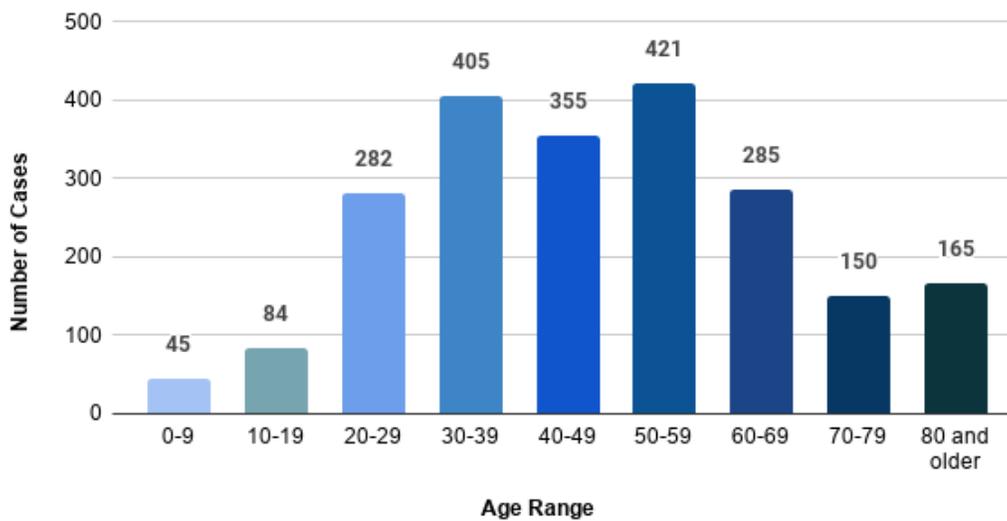
Number of Norwalk COVID-19 Cases by Date of Specimen Collection

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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