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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 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, September 12, 2020:

- Since yesterday, there are two new positive cases in Norwalk, bringing the total positive reported cases to 2,203. There were no new deaths reported.
- A report by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that adults with positive COVID-19 test results were twice as likely to have reported dining at a restaurant than those with negative test results. The CDC explains “masks cannot be effectively worn while eating and drinking, whereas shopping and numerous other indoor activities do not preclude mask use.” More details can be found in the CDC Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report at cdc.gov.
- Starting next week, approximately 250,000 residents will be eligible for an additional \$300 in unemployment benefits. Some claimants are required to self-certify and will be notified by the State Department of Labor, while other existing claimants will not need to do anything to receive the additional benefit. For more detailed information, visit ct.gov/dol.
- School bus routes for Norwalk Public School students are now available online. The bus routes are for students who have received bus assignments. Visit norwalkps.org for more details.
- Absentee ballot applications were sent this week to all registered voters in Norwalk by the Secretary of the State. Absentee ballot applications should be returned to the Town Clerk’s Office or placed in secure drop boxes for processing. Once approved, the actual ballot will be mailed to a voter no sooner than early October. When filled out, the completed ballot can be dropped at the secure drop boxes in Norwalk or mailed back to the Town Clerk’s Office. Polling locations will also be open on Election Day for those who choose to vote in-person. More information is available at norwalkct.org.

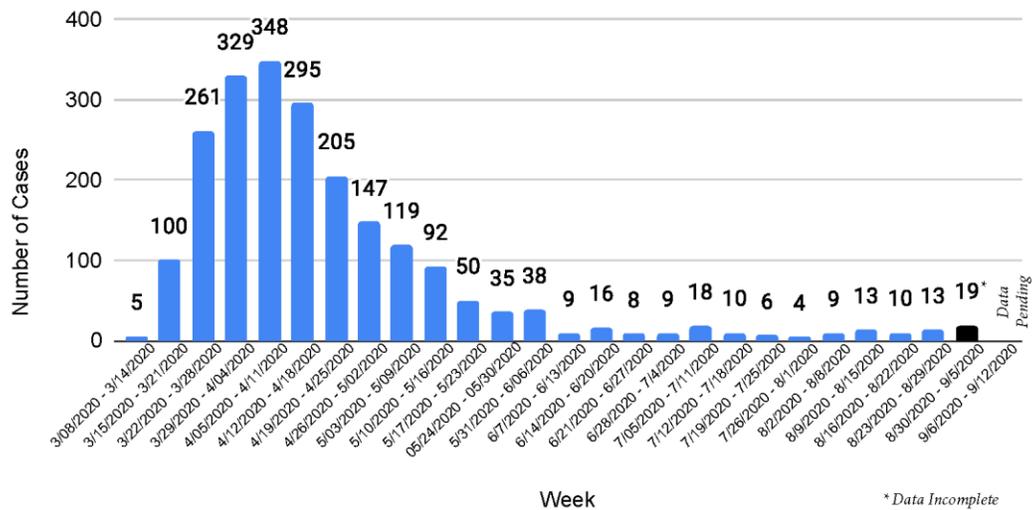
“The recent CDC report is a reminder to why certain guidelines and restrictions are in place. In Norwalk, our guidelines call for tables to be nine feet apart instead of six, to allow for additional distancing. We want to support our restaurants and business, but it’s important everyone follows the guidelines from the state and local health officials,” Mayor Rilling said. “Residents should check their mailboxes this week for absentee ballot applications. Please remember these are just applications, not the actual ballot for the election in November. Turnout is expected to be high, so I encourage voters to return their applications as soon as possible if they plan to vote absentee.”

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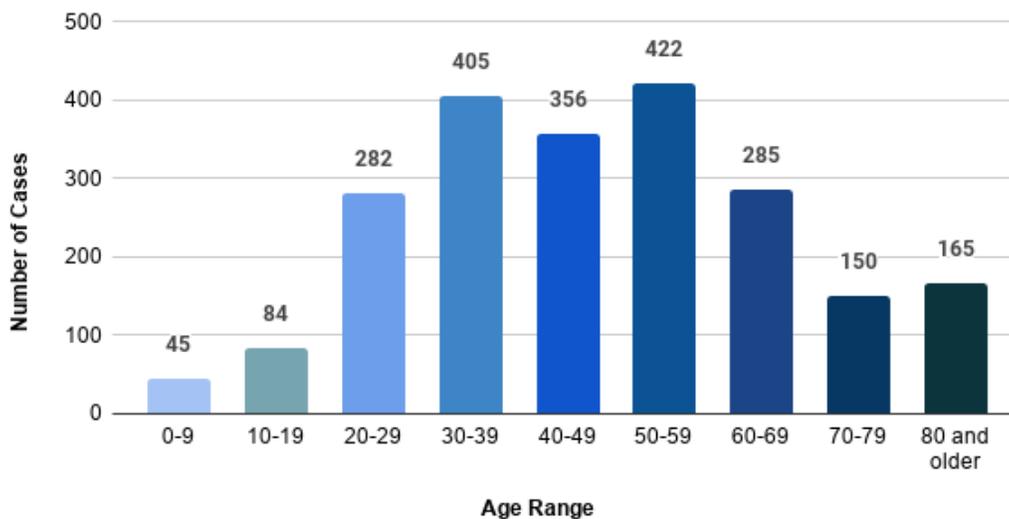
Number of Norwalk COVID-19 Cases by Date of Specimen Collection

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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