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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 Tuesday, March 16, 2021:

- Since yesterday, there are 28 new positive cases in Norwalk, bringing the total positive reported cases to 9,843. There were no new deaths reported.
- The Norwalk Health Department continues to track the daily positive COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population on a 7- and 14-day average in Norwalk. For the time period, 3/7 - 3/13 (7-day average), the daily cases per 100,000 population was 28.1. For the time period, 2/28 - 3/13 (14-day average), the daily cases per 100,000 population was 26.4. Analyzing cases per 100,000 residents helps track the incidence rate of COVID-19 in the community and allows for standard comparisons between communities. The test positivity rate from 2/28 - 3/13 was 4.8%. This analysis will be updated on Friday as new reports are received from the previous week.
- Mayor Rilling received his second shot of the COVID-19 vaccine earlier today at a clinic run by the Norwalk Health Department at Bethel AME Church in Norwalk. The City and Norwalk Interdenominational Ministers Fellowship (IMF) have partnered to make vaccine clinics more accessible in the community. Mayor Rilling encourages residents who are eligible to get vaccinated.
- Tomorrow is St. Patrick’s Day and the Norwalk Health Department and Norwalk Police Department will have enhanced enforcement and spot checks of local businesses. Businesses and customers are reminded to follow all public health guidelines, such as capacity limitations, wearing face coverings, and social distancing. Members of the public with concerns or who wish to report an issue are asked to call the Norwalk Police Department non-emergency line at (203) 854-3000.
- On Wednesday, March 17, at 7 p.m., Mayor Rilling will be hosting the second of a series of Community Town Halls regarding the COVID-19 vaccine. This second conversation will be centered on addressing COVID-19 concerns within the Hispanic/Latinx Community. A panel of community members and experts will discuss the vaccine and offer opinions about its safety and effectiveness. Members of the public may also ask questions. This Town Hall will be presented in Spanish, with live English, Haitian Creole, and American Sign Language interpretation. Watch live by visiting bit.ly/17deMarzoTownHall.
- Connecticut Food Bank and Foodshare will be holding a food distribution event on Wednesday, March 17 at Calf Pasture Beach from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. The parking area at Calf Pasture Beach will remain closed to the public until 1 p.m. There will be a special walk-up area to accommodate those without a vehicle. Those who wish to use the beach can park at the Shady Beach parking area, entering from Canfield Avenue. The food distribution event will occur every Wednesday until further notice. To volunteer for this event, a future event, or to make a donation, visit ctfoodbank.org.

“I know some might feel eager to celebrate tomorrow like years past, and while local health conditions are getting better, we are not out of the woods just yet. Please continue to use caution and remain vigilant. If you choose to celebrate St. Patrick’s Day, please do so responsibly, and know that we will have enhanced enforcement to ensure residents and businesses are following proper guidelines,” Mayor Rilling said. “Our weekly food distribution continues tomorrow at Calf Pasture Beach. The amount of food given out each week has remained constant and the need is still very real in our community. If you need assistance, please know you are welcome at Calf Pasture Beach, no questions asked.”

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*