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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://www.ct.gov/coronavirus). Mayor Rilling provided the following Norwalk-area specific updates regarding COVID-19 coronavirus as of 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 21, 2020:

- Since yesterday, there are three new positive cases in Norwalk, bringing the total positive reported cases in Norwalk to 11. In Fairfield County, the number of new positive cases went from 122 to 140. The age and sex of these individuals will not be released. The public is asked to continue to take precautions as community spread is likely happening across the state.
- Mayor Rilling ordered the playground, basketball court, and skate park at Calf Pasture Beach, as well as the playgrounds and courts at Veteran's Park and Cranbury Park, to be closed to the public until further notice. Caution tape is blocking access to these areas. Mayor Rilling continues to emphasize the importance of social distancing and avoiding group activities at this time. Without further cooperation, more public facilities may close.
- Governor Ned Lamont announced a "[stay safe, stay at home](#)" order for the entire state late Friday afternoon. Many businesses have been ordered to close by 8 p.m. Monday to comply with the order. If you are uncertain if your business is affected by this order, please send an email to the State Department of Economic and Community Development at COVID19.JIC@ct.gov.
- City Hall will remain closed to the public, but offices will remain operational with limited staff performing essential services. Please continue to reach out to specific departments via email and phone with questions. Staff is working staggered hours for the foreseeable future, and messages will be returned as soon as possible.
- Following the Federal Government [extending](#) the tax filing and payment deadline to July 15, the State of Connecticut Department of Revenue Services announced today it would do the [same](#).
- Mayor Rilling provided a video update from City Hall earlier in the day, which can be viewed on the City's [Facebook](#) page.

"This is a new situation for all of us, and we are doing everything we can to help our residents, businesses, and community as a whole get through this unprecedented moment together," Mayor Rilling said. "There is no doubt, the COVID-19 pandemic is having an impact, but our goal is to lessen that as much as we possibly can. Please continue practicing social distancing and stay healthy, Norwalk."

Members of the public are encouraged to sign-up for the City's CodeRED Emergency Alert Notification System at [norwalkct.org/codered](https://www.norwalkct.org/codered).

Updates on City services, hours, and community resources will be routinely published at [norwalkct.org/citynews](https://www.norwalkct.org/citynews). The latest health updates can be found at [norwalkct.org/coronavirus](https://www.norwalkct.org/coronavirus).

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