

Norwalk NAACP distributes face masks to public housing tenants

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NORWALK — Since Sunday, 35 new coronavirus cases were confirmed in Norwalk, bringing the total positive reported cases to 1,698.

There were also five new deaths reported. Now, a total of 91 residents have died from coronavirus. ☐

"It is troubling that five more of our residents have died from coronavirus. The amount of people we have lost and the number of families grieving as a result of this pandemic is heartbreaking. I pray for them and all of Norwalk. I remind everyone to continue taking all of the necessary precautions to keep yourself, your loved ones, and your community safe and healthy," Mayor Harry Rilling said. "Teachers are passionate and help our children grow and develop to their fullest potential. I am in awe of how quickly and willingly they have thrown themselves into a new normal and a new way of teaching during the COVID-19 pandemic. Norwalk Public Schools teachers are some of the most dedicated, patient, and caring people. Thank you teachers for everything you do - keep up the great work."

Amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Connecticut Gov. Ned Lamont announced a joint multi-state agreement to develop a regional supply chain for personal protective equipment, other medical equipment and testing. States will work together to identify the entire region's needs for these products, aggregate demand among the states, reduce costs and stabilize the supply chain. ☐

In Norwalk, the Norwalk NAACP recently partnered with the Norwalk Housing Authority to distribute 4,200 face masks to public housing tenants in Norwalk. Packages containing four reusable masks, information on how to properly wear and store the masks, how to make a cloth face covering, and other local COVID-19 information and resources were delivered to each housing unit. The packages also included information on the Census 2020 count and how to complete the process.

"The Norwalk NAACP was proud to work collectively to distribute masks and COVID-19 information across the Norwalk Housing Authority community. We hope this effort will help to slow the spread of the virus and continue to educate residents," Burnett said.

Paper bags were donated by Stop & Shop in Ridgefield, Conn. which were used to hold all of the materials. Staff from the Norwalk Housing Authority assembled 1,050 bags to ensure each unit received a donation. The materials were ultimately distributed on Wednesday, April 29 and Thursday, April 30.

The Norwalk Public Library posted an online photo gallery - "Norwalk Strong: Life During COVID-19" - that depict everyday life in Norwalk during the COVID-19 pandemic. View the online gallery at norwalkpl.org. ☐

City officials remind the public that programs, events, and activities at City facilities remain canceled, and team sports, leagues, and practices are not allowed.