



Wednesday, April 1, 2020

### 4/1/2020 COVID-19 Updates

#### **No New Cases of COVID-19 in County; Chautauqua County total of confirmed cases remains at 10**

As of April 1, Chautauqua County has a total of ten (10) confirmed cases of COVID-19 with no new positive tests reported today.

Of the 10 confirmed positive cases in Chautauqua County, two people have recovered completely and were released from mandatory quarantine, one individual has died, and seven persons are continuing to recover under mandatory quarantine as ordered by the Local Health Official per NYS Public Health Law.

In addition, there are several individuals who have received isolation and quarantine orders by the Public Health Director. This includes:

- **25 individuals in Mandatory Quarantine** (individuals confirmed positive of COVID-19 or a household contact of a confirmed positive COVID-19 case);
- **30 individuals in Precautionary Quarantine** (individuals with travel history to CDC level 3 country or proximal contact of a confirmed case of COVID-19);
- **40 individuals in Mandatory Isolation** (individuals who are symptomatic of COVID-19 and are pending COVID-19 lab test); and
- **101** negative test results to date.

#### **CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY, NY CONFIRMED COVID-19 CASE MAP**

Today is the release of an online map of Chautauqua County confirmed COVID-19 cases. Clicking the hyperlink provided on the COVID-19 page of the Chautauqua County website at [chqgov.com](http://chqgov.com), Chautauqua County Health Department Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/myhealthycounty/](https://www.facebook.com/myhealthycounty/), and Chautauqua County Government Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/chautauquacountygovernment](https://www.facebook.com/chautauquacountygovernment), will take you to map with COVID-19 case information. You can also click the link here <https://chautauquacounty.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/012d07321ad6415c8cf17c4f673643c9>

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT POSITIVE COVID-19 CASES:**

Chautauqua County Public Health staff is conducting investigations to identify close contacts of positive COVID-19 cases. Following guidance from NYSDOH, contact tracing begins on the day the person with the positive test started having symptoms. NYSDOH deems this the beginning of the infectious period. Once identified, our department notifies the close contacts of their potential exposure to COVID-19 and they are placed under mandatory or precautionary quarantine to monitor for symptoms. If you do not personally hear from a public health nurse, you are not a close contact of an individual who has been confirmed to have COVID-19. Per NYSDOH, close contact refers to a person who cared for or lived with a person with COVID-19. It does not include activities such as walking by a person or sitting across a waiting room or office for a brief time.

### **NYS on PAUSE**

The Chautauqua County COVID-19 Response Team continues to meet daily during this pandemic. The Team wants to stress, that it is imperative that everyone continues to function in "New York State on PAUSE" order. The 10-point NYS on PAUSE plan is as follows:

1. Effective at 8 p.m. on Sunday, March 22, all non-essential businesses statewide will be closed;
2. Non-essential gatherings of individuals of any size for any reason (e.g. parties, celebrations or other social events) are canceled or postponed at this time;
3. Any concentration of individuals outside their home must be limited to workers providing essential services and social distancing should be practiced;
4. When in public individuals must practice social distancing of at least six feet from others;
5. Businesses and entities that provide other essential services must implement rules that help facilitate social distancing of at least six feet;
6. Individuals should limit outdoor recreational activities to non-contact and avoid activities where they come in close contact with other people;
7. Individuals should limit use of public transportation to when absolutely necessary and should limit potential exposure by spacing out at least six feet from other riders;
8. Sick individuals should not leave their home unless to receive medical care and only after a telehealth visit to determine if leaving the home is in the best interest of their health;
9. Young people should also practice social distancing and avoid contact with vulnerable populations; and
10. Use precautionary sanitizer practices such as using isopropyl alcohol wipes.

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