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CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY OFFICIALS PROVIDE UPDATE ON COVID-19

1 New Case of COVID-19 in Chautauqua County Today



Pictured above: James Quattrone, Chautauqua County Sheriff; PJ Wendel, Chautauqua County Executive; and Christine Schuyler, Chautauqua County Department of Health and Human Services Director.

MAYVILLE, N.Y.: -- On May 29, Chautauqua County Officials provided an update on the novel Coronavirus-19 (COVID-19) in Chautauqua County.

COVID-19 is an infection associated with fever and signs and symptoms of pneumonia or other respiratory illness. If spread in the population, COVID-19 could have significant health consequences.

As of May 29, Chautauqua County's statistics are:

- 19 active cases, continue to recover under orders of the Local Health Official per NYS Public Health Law including:
 - 1 new case today of a male in his 50s;
- 258 cases under quarantine/isolation orders by the Public Health Director and being monitored. Not all of those being monitored are confirmed to have COVID-19 but have either shown symptoms, are awaiting results, or have risk factors;
- 1 person hospitalized* in Chautauqua County as of 5/27/2020;
*number of persons in Chautauqua County hospitals diagnosed with COVID-19, regardless of residency.
- To date:
 - 59 recovered cases;
 - 4 deaths;
 - 82 total confirmed cases; and
 - 2,726 negative test results.

"Our health concerns, chronic conditions and preventive care needs have not disappeared during this pandemic," said Christine Schuyler, Chautauqua County Department of Health and Human Services Director. "Sadly, we're seeing where many are going untreated and unnecessary complications are resulting. Please know that health care provider offices, clinics and hospitals are open, are safe and are ready and willing to care for you and your loved ones. Please do not put off your regular check-up, screening tests, immunizations, or other medical, mental or dental health care needs."

Chautauqua County Executive PJ Wendel also reminded Phase 2 businesses to be prepared for their phase of reopening by getting their plans submitted.

"While we don't have a set date yet on when we could enter Phase 2 of Reopening, I urge all Phase 2 businesses to submit their plans so they are ready to reopen when the time comes," said Wendel. "It is imperative that all businesses visit the Forward NY website and comply with the state's guidelines so we can build employee trust and customer confidence as we move toward reopening our economy."

Phase 2 businesses include:

- All office-based jobs (professional services, administrative support, and information technology);
- Retail (in-store shopping; and rental, repair and cleaning);
- Real estate services (building and property management; and leasing, rental and sales services);
- Barbershops and hair salons (limited to hair services only with no massages, hair removal, facial and nail services), and
- Motor vehicle leasing, rental and sales.

Businesses can go online to <https://forward.ny.gov/> to find New York State's guidance documents. Guidance includes Summary Guidelines for employers and employees; Detailed Guidelines, which contain a business affirmation component; and a Business Safety Plan Template, which must be completed and posted at the premises.

Guidance documents specific to Phase II businesses are also available directly at <https://forward.ny.gov/phase-two-industries> .

Businesses who have any questions can also contact Empire State Development (ESD) at (716) 846-8200 or the County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency (CCIDA) at (716) 661-8900.

“I thank the community for all of those who are complying with COVID-19 precautions,” said James Quattrone, Chautauqua County Sheriff. “There are still some who willfully do not follow the precautions or because they are unsure of the guidance. A majority of those we talk to, because we received a complaint, have been understanding and cooperative. I encourage businesses to not be afraid to reach out to the CCIDA or visit the Forward NY website for current guidelines.”

Chautauqua County Government continues to have a variety of resources available for individuals to stay informed of the County’s statistics and updates of COVID-19. Daily updates are available by 5 p.m. each day on:

- Chautauqua County’s website at chggov.com by clicking on “COVID-19 Information” on the home page. The COVID page also includes a link to the Chautauqua County Confirmed COVID-19 Cases Map, which breaks down the statistics into the County’s four fire battalions.
- Chautauqua County Health Department Facebook page at www.facebook.com/myhealthycounty/ .
- Chautauqua County Government Facebook page at www.facebook.com/chautauquacountygovernment .
- Chautauqua County Public Health COVID-19 Hotline-- Individuals can hear the daily update of COVID-19 cases in Chautauqua County by calling the Hotline at 866-604-6789 and selecting option 6.

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