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5/4/2020 COVID-19 Updates

No New Cases of COVID-19 Today

Chautauqua County statistics:

- 37 confirmed cases,
- 4 active cases - continue to recover under orders of the Local Health Official per NYS Public Health Law;
- 29 recovered cases;
- 4 deaths;
- 75 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; and
- 988 negative test results to date.

YOUR ACTIONS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

In Chautauqua County, sometimes it doesn't seem like this coronavirus is real. Are you skeptical of the need for Executive Orders from the Governor? Even though we have been provided with explanations of why our norm has changed, there are still those who doubt the strategies. When community mitigations strategies first went into effect, those in public health knew we were stuck between a rock and a hard place. If these proven strategies worked, the spread of this new infectious disease with no vaccine and no treatment could be slowed.

"I believe that has happened here and instead of recognizing and appreciating that, some would say the disease never would have spread here anyway," said Christine Schuyler, County Public Health Director. "That is naïve and dangerous thinking."

As we look to "reopen," it is imperative to do so cautiously. Reopenings that are not structured around ongoing social distancing, mouth and nose coverings, strict handwashing and respiratory etiquette, or other public health guidance will likely result in a spike of cases and could lead to renewed closure orders.

"We need to use commonsense and do this right," added Schuyler.

We are fortunate in Chautauqua County, as compared to other, more populous areas of NYS; we haven't seen the high number of positive cases and deaths that some areas have. We need to keep it that way.

Here are some staggering numbers from NYSDOH COVID-19 Tracker (as of 5/4/2020):

<https://covid19tracker.health.ny.gov/views/NYS-COVID19-Tracker/NYSDOHCOVID-19Tracker->

This data is meant to help understand reality, not induce fear.

Number of Deaths by Age Ranges:

- 0-9: 3
- 10-19: 8
- 20-29: 68
- 30-39: 279
- 40-49: 709
- 50-59: 1,931
- 60-69: 3,908
- 70-79: 5,189
- 80-89: 4,925
- 90 and over: 2,361
- Unknown: 34

Statistics related to deaths in NYS:

- 40.5% female; 59.5% male
- 60% of deaths are White; 18% Black; 14% Hispanic; 4% Asian; 4% Other
- 89.2% of total fatalities have at least one comorbidity (the simultaneous presence of two chronic diseases or conditions); these diseases (top 10) include:
 - hypertension,
 - diabetes,
 - hyperlipidemia,
 - coronary artery disease,
 - dementia,
 - renal disease,
 - COPD,
 - atrial fibrillation,
 - cancer, and
 - stroke.

Please keep in mind, as we have explained in previous weeks, the numbers you see in the NYSDOH COVID-19 Tracker will differ from the daily number reported by your local health department. This is due to the investigation, on a per case basis, done by our public health nurses. The daily numbers reported by the Chautauqua County Health Department are a true representation of the cases of people that reside in Chautauqua County. For the sake of looking at the big picture, the NYSDOH COVID-19 Tracker is useful.

We hope these statistics reinforce the need for Governor Cuomo's guidance and Executive Orders in decreasing the spread, illness, and death from the coronavirus. Your actions make a difference; you have the ability to save lives. Thank you for taking this situation seriously.

- Stay away – at least 6 feet
- Cover your face – when closer than 6 feet
- Wash your hands – at least 20 seconds each time
- Don't touch your face
- Disinfect frequently touched surfaces
- Stay home if you feel sick

Link to Chautauqua County COVID-19 Map:

<https://chautauquacounty.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/012d07321ad6415c8cf17c4f673643c9>

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