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CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY OFFICIALS PROVIDE UPDATE ON COVID-19

16 New Cases of COVID-19 in Chautauqua County Today

Residents Reminded to Take Precautions to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19



Pictured above from left: PJ Wendel, Chautauqua County Executive; and Dr. Robert Berke, County Physician.

MAYVILLE, N.Y.: -- On July 10, 2020, 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 July 10, Chautauqua County's statistics are:

- 35 active cases, continue to recover under orders of the Local Health Official per NYS Public Health Law including:
 - 16 new cases today of a pediatric case, two males and a female in their teens, two males and four females in their 20s, a male and two females in their 40s, a female in her 50s, a female in her 60s, and a female in her 70s;
- 364 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;
- 0 persons hospitalized* in Chautauqua County as of 7/8/2020
*number of persons in Chautauqua County hospitals diagnosed with COVID-19, regardless of residency
- To date:
 - 128 recovered cases;
 - 7 deaths;
 - 170 total confirmed cases; and
 - 17,801 negative test results.

"This week we saw an increase in COVID-19 cases and an increase in the number of individuals who are in quarantine or isolation in our county," said PJ Wendel, Chautauqua County Executive. "As more people interact with one another, I remind everyone how delicate the situation continues to be and the need to remain vigilant in our social distancing and disease prevention measures. If you are gathering with people you do not live with, you need to be smart and protect yourself by covering your face and keeping a distance of at least six feet."

The public is also reminded to:

- Avoid going to crowded places;
- Not share anything that goes in their mouth such as cups, drink bottles/cans, utensils, e-cigarettes, and pipes;
- Wash their hands often with soap and water or, if unavailable, use hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol;
- Disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces daily;
- Cough or sneeze into your elbow or use a tissue;
- Stay home if they are sick;

- Avoid contact with sick people; and
- Quarantine for 14 days if they are coming from a high-risk state that has significant rates of transmission of COVID-19. For more information about this New York State travel advisory and restricted states, visit <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-travel-advisory> .

The Chautauqua County Department of Health and Human Services investigates all confirmed positive COVID-19 cases and completes contact tracing for each case. If someone tests positive for the virus, they will be ordered into mandatory isolation by the Chautauqua County Public Health Director and will need to stay home and away from others during the isolation period.

If someone has close contact with others and develops COVID-19, the person will be asked to name those close contacts from 48 hours prior to the onset of symptoms or from the date of the test if asymptomatic. A person is considered to be a close contact if they were within 6 feet of a person for 10 minutes or longer or had physical contact such as touching, hugging, or shaking hands. Individuals who are identified as a close contact will be contacted by a public health nurse and will be placed in mandatory quarantine for 14 days from the last date of exposure. In addition, any business that is directly impacted by a confirmed case will be notified and advised by the County Health Department.

“If you are not named as a close contact, but are concerned you could be, you should self-quarantine for 14 days as a precaution,” said Dr. Robert Berke, County Physician. “In addition, it is important to remember that the virus incubation period is between 2 and 14 days. This means at any time during those 14 days someone could become infected and pass the virus on to others. This is why it is so crucial for individuals who may be feeling well to still complete their quarantine through day 14. In addition, if someone is in quarantine and receives a negative test result, it does not shorten their quarantine period.”

When someone is in quarantine, they must:

- Stay home, except to go to their healthcare provider (if you must see a healthcare provider call ahead and avoid public transportation);
- Not have visitors;
- Separate themselves in a room that is not shared with others and stay at least 6 feet away from others at all times;
- Use a separate bathroom, if possible, and disinfect after each use;
- Arrange for food, medicine, and other supplies to be left at their door;
- Not touch pets;
- Arrange for others to care for their children, if possible; and
- Wear a face covering if they must be around others.

County officials also continue to receive and investigate PAUSE complaints.

“Most businesses are continuing to do their best to ensure a safe environment and one example I’m happy to share is our local Walmarts,” said Wendel. “Sheriff Quattrone, health department officials and I met with managers at both stores today and they are stepping up enforcement to ensure customers and employees are compliant with wearing a face covering. They are also taking other precautions such as controlling foot traffic entering and exiting the store.”

Individuals who wish to file a complaint about a business, location or incident in their community that is violating New York on PAUSE, can contact the NY PAUSE Enforcement Task Force at 1-833-789-0470 or by visiting <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/new-york-state-pause> .

To view the Chautauqua County COVID-19 Case Map, visit:

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

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