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COVID-19 Update ***Statistics – Travel Advisory - Reminders***

Chautauqua County Statistics

- 143 active cases, continue to recover under orders of the Local Health Official per NYS Public Health Law:
 - 13 new cases were reported on November 6 including:
 - 5 cases in 14048 (Dunkirk)
 - 2 cases in 14062 (Forestville)
 - 2 cases in 14787 (Westfield)
 - 1 case in 14733 (Falconer)
 - 3 cases in 14063 (Fredonia)
- To date:
 - 1,007 recovered cases;
 - 15 deaths;
 - 1,165 total confirmed cases; and
 - 64,224 negative tests.
- Tanglewood Manor/Memory Gardens
 - Employees: 4 active cases; 23 recovered
 - Residents: 14 active cases; 75 recovered; 1 death
 - The NYSDOH continues to monitor the facilities and daily reporting will no longer occur.
- 20 people hospitalized* in Chautauqua County as of 11/04/2020 (most recent data available from NYS)*number of persons in Chautauqua County hospitals diagnosed with COVID-19, regardless of residency
- 1,130 individuals were tested at the free, rapid testing clinics held October 26-30 in Jamestown and Dunkirk with 53 positive tests resulting (4.7%).
- Health Department staff is investigating a potential cluster at a large employer in the North County. Four employees have tested positive but appear to be linked to social activities outside of work and not interconnected. As a precaution, staff is working with the employer to ensure all required COVID-19 protocols and preventive measures are in place.
- Long term care facilities are required to notify family members of any positive resident or staff member.

- Colleges, universities and all PreK-12 schools are required to report COVID-19 cases daily on their dashboards.
- Positivity rates are often used as benchmarks set and monitored by New York State, You can monitor 7-and 14-day rolling averages on the County Dashboard:
<https://forward.ny.gov/percentage-positive-results-county-dashboard>.

Travel Advisory Update

Governor Cuomo announced new guidelines allowing out-of-state travelers or any CDC Level 2 or Level 3 Health Notice country travelers coming to NYS to “test out” of the mandatory 14-day quarantine. Travelers from states that are contiguous with New York (PA, CT, NJ, VT, MA) will continue to be exempt from the travel advisory; essential workers will continue to be exempt as well. The new protocol went into effect on November 4. The new advisory is as follows:

- All travelers are to complete the NY Traveler Health Form;
- All travelers will quarantine for a period of 14 days (consistent with DOH regulations for quarantine) **UNLESS**
 - The traveler is tested for COVID-19 within 72 hours prior to arrival in NY, **AND**
 - The traveler will, upon arrival in NY, quarantine according to DOH guidelines for a minimum of 3 days, and on day 4 will be tested for COVID-19.
 - The traveler may end quarantine upon receipt of the second negative test result.
- All travelers who leave NYS for less than 24 hours do not need to obtain a COVID-19 test before departing, and they do not need to quarantine upon return. They must complete a traveler form upon entry and be tested for COVID-19 on the 4th day after arrival in NY.

If you must travel, be prepared to follow this guidance. All unnecessary travel is discouraged. Employees in NYS are not eligible for paid sick leave benefits from NYS’ COVID-19 paid sick leave law if they engage in non-essential travel to any states other than contiguous states from the time of return to NYS until the end of the required period of quarantine or isolation.

The travel guidelines require all New Yorkers, as well as those visiting from out of state, to take personal responsibility for compliance in the best interest of public health and safety. For general inquiries, additional and detailed guidance, call the NYS Hotline at 1-888-364-3065 or visit <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-travel-advisory>.

COVID-19 Testing

Due to lack of testing supplies, no free, rapid COVID-19 testing clinics are currently scheduled in Chautauqua County. When testing supplies are restocked, the public will be alerted through media outlets and social media. If you believe you need COVID-19 testing, consult with your health care provider. Testing options are also listed on the Chautauqua County webpage:
<https://chqgov.com/public-health/covid-19-testing-sites>.

Remember:

Eating and Drinking in Public

While it is allowable to have your mask off at a table when you have food and drink in front of you, it is not advisable to stay in these venues, talking with others for extended periods of time when social distancing is not being practiced. If you are not actively eating or drinking, you should wear your mask.

Events

Bringing many people together during this pandemic can be a dangerous proposition, especially in enclosed spaces. Follow the gathering limitations and remain vigilant with COVID-19 precautions throughout the entire event.

Workplaces and Schools

Students seem most likely to get COVID-19 from their household contacts, and as such, their risk for getting sick in school is very low. The same is true of workplaces; when we see several positive cases associated with a workplace, it is often due to an external event or social activity.

Self-Care

Many of us are anxious and stressed. There is no better time to practice self-care: take a walk, listen to music, connect safely with friends and family, meditate, and unplug from the news and social media when you can. Find those things and people who inspire you, and maintain hope.

Stop the spread of COVID-19: Wear a mask; maintain a social distance of 6 feet; wash your hands often.

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