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Cayuga County Covid-19 Situational Update as of 4:30pm

New Cases -

Two new cases today.

- One is a male in his 30's living outside the City of Auburn.
- One is a female in her 60's living outside the City of Auburn.

Contact tracing investigations are complete for these two new cases. Two individuals were placed into mandatory quarantine because they were direct contacts with the two confirmed individuals.

Of the five new cases reported yesterday, contact tracing is complete.

With each confirmed COVID-19 case, we will be following New York State Department of Health guidance and will not be releasing de-identifying information such as town of residence for those who test positive for COVID-19. This is due to Cayuga County's low number of confirmed cases and our population size in some of our rural communities.

Confirmed Cases – total year to date

There have been fifteen (15) total confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Cayuga County.

Of the 15, three have been discharged from isolation and have recovered.

Test Results Received –

Number of test results received since testing began in early March – **423** as of today.

- This information includes all testing of Cayuga County residents by physicians, healthcare facilities and licensed clinical laboratories.

The Cayuga County Health Department will receive results on any Cayuga County resident who was tested for COVID-19 even if they were tested out of county.

Results pending –

As of today, we are awaiting the results of 28 tests that were performed on Cayuga County residents by the Cayuga County Health Department, physicians, healthcare facilities and licensed clinical laboratories.



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Hospitalized patients

Two are hospitalized, of the twelve cases in isolation. One is in critical condition, one is stable. One individual was discharged from the hospital.

Deaths

There have been no deaths related to COVID-19 in our county.

Mandatory Quarantine/ Isolation

48 in mandatory quarantine

12 in mandatory isolation

Individuals that are confirmed COVID cases are placed into Mandatory Isolation. Contacts of confirmed cases are placed into Mandatory Quarantine. These are written legal orders issued by the Public Health Director. The purpose of these orders is to reinforce the importance of compliance and restricts their movement.

The Cayuga County Health Department conducts monitoring of the individuals in mandatory quarantine and isolation daily, with telephone calls and unannounced in-person visits, to ensure compliance of the legal order which restricts their movement.

Social Distancing

As the weather gets nicer and it is staying lighter out much later, it is essential that our community continue to practice social distancing. Kathleen Cuddy Public Health Director says, “at this time, social distancing is the only action we can perform to slow the spread of this virus amongst each other. There is no vaccine to prevent this and there currently is no treatment. It is imperative people comply with the recommendations to not congregate and do their best to keep a minimum of 6 feet from each other”.