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Cayuga County COVID-19 Situational Update – as of 6pm

Confirmed Cases

There are three confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Cayuga County.

New Cases

No new cases.

COVID-19 Testing in Cayuga County

65 tests have been performed by Cayuga County Health Department

Number of test results received -106

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

Hospitalized patients

Of the three confirmed individual, zero are hospitalized.

Deaths

There have been no deaths related to COVID-19.

Mandatory Quarantine/ Isolation

34 in mandatory quarantine

3 in mandatory isolation

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Cayuga County Health Department strongly reinforces the message from the New York State Governor's office under the "New York State on PAUSE" executive order, a 10-point policy to assure uniform safety for everyone that went into effect on Sunday, March 22, 2020 at 8pm, declaring 100% of the workforce must stay home, excluding essential services.

The Cayuga County Health Department has been receiving calls from employers and employees regarding what is an essential business or service. The following website will assist people with determining what might truly be essential in the eyes of New York State.
<https://esd.ny.gov/guidance-executive-order-2026>

New York State Attorney General Letitia James recommends the following - if an employee believes their employer is in violation of either existing labor laws or recently issued executive orders to call her office at (212) 416-8700 or Labor.Bureau@ag.ny.gov .



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The Cayuga County Health Department has also received calls from employees of essential service providers questioning if they should still be working given their individual circumstances. Employees who think they should not be working due to their own health concerns, underlying medical conditions or caring for vulnerable family members should contact the Human Resources Department of their employer. Employers should be sensitive to concerns raised by individual employees during this time.

Kathleen Cuddy, Public Health Director reminds the public, “Sick individuals should be home. They should not be at work, they should not be at the grocery store. The only time a sick individual should be out of their home is to seek care and many physicians locally are offering phone and telehealth consultations to reduce sick people being in public”. Employers of essential services who are operating during this time must be mindful that if a sick employee reports to work and exposes other employees, this could be detrimental to the essential operations the business is performing.

If you are under mandatory isolation or mandatory quarantine you will receive documentation from the Cayuga County Health Department and we will be in contact with you two times a day. Individuals will be discharged from mandatory isolation and mandatory quarantine when they have met discharge criteria set forth by New York State Department of Health.

Individuals who are tested for COVID-19, either by the Cayuga County Health Department or by another healthcare provider are advised to self-isolate until the individual receives a negative result. Self-isolate, in this instance, shall mean remaining in your current residence.
