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## **COVID-19 Reporting and Informational Update**

As Cayuga County continues to see a high number of positive COVID-19 cases, we are changing the way in which we report these cases. In the past, we have reported daily the number of positive cases that we have connected with via telephone to do a complete interview and place into Isolation. This does not include people who may be positive that we have not had the chance to speak with to conduct the tracing. For example, persons who may be hospitalized, those who do not answer their phones or those who do not return phone calls.

On Wednesday, August 25, 2021 we will begin to report the number of total positive COVID-19 laboratory results that come in through our state reporting system daily. Although we may not be able to interview all cases each day, it will give the community a more accurate picture of the number of positive people in Cayuga County.

We would also like to inform the public that for the past few weeks our county has been identified as having a high level of community transmission of COVID19. Preventive behaviors such as washing hands regularly, staying home if you are feeling ill or have symptoms of illness, remaining at home to await your test results and wearing a mask when you are with anyone from outside your household are crucial in slowing the spread of the virus.

Information related to community transmission levels can be viewed by visiting the following website: [CDC COVID Data Tracker](#)

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