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Cayuga County COVID-19 Situational Update as of 4:00pm

New Cases:

Tuesday, December 28, 2021 – 77 new cases

• 39 unvaccinated, 38 vaccinated

Active Cases in Mandatory Isolation: 427 Mandatory Isolation

Confirmed Cases – total since March 18, 2020:

There have been 11,699 cases of COVID-19 in Cayuga County.

Hospitalizations:

COVID-19 hospitalization reports received today from Crouse Hospital, Upstate University Hospital, St. Joseph's Health, and Auburn Community Hospital: **28 Cayuga County residents** (15 of which are unvaccinated)

Age Demographics:

- 100's: 0
- 90's: 0
- 80's: 10
- 70's: 7
- 60's: 7
- 50's: 4
- 40's: 0
- 30's: 0
- 20's: 0
- 10's: 0
- Less than 10 years of age: 0

Deaths:

There have been 115 total Cayuga County deaths related to COVID-19.

Additional Information:

COVID-19 is continuing to spread in our community, reflected in our numbers reported in this press release. We are seeing delays in laboratories reporting COVID positive results to us which caused an influx in over 200 cases being reported to us today from as long ago as December 17, 2021. We are working to reach everyone as soon as we can. If you were notified of your positive



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results and have not heard from us after four days please give us a call to confirm we have your positive result in our system. With the uptick in cases, we are asking that community members be responsible while you wait to hear from us by:

- Remaining at home.
- Letting those you have been around know you are positive and that they should monitor for symptoms.

If you tested positive for COVID-19 on an at-home test kit, you need to submit your at home test result to the Cayuga County Health Department by calling 315-253-1560.

Once positive results are received, a staff member from the Cayuga County Department or someone from the virtual call center out of Albany with a 518 area code will be reaching out to you. If you do not answer the phone call you will receive a visit from a Cayuga County staff member who will deliver isolation order to you

COVID-19 Testing:

Please visit: https://www.cayugacounty.us/health for testing options available in Cayuga County and adjacent counties.

COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics are held in the Event Center at the Fingerlakes Mall in the former Spirit Halloween store. Please enter through the back of the mall near the movie theaters. You will not be able to enter through the inside of the mall.

Thursday, December 30th from 2pm -4pm – Pfizer Pediatric First and Second Doses

This clinic will offer Pfizer pediatric first and second doses for those ages 5 through 11 years-old.

You can also register ahead of time online: visit <u>www.cayugacounty.us/health</u> to schedule an appointment, but WALK-ins will be accepted at this clinic.

These clinics are restricted to Cayuga County residents. Please bring your insurance card and if receiving a second dose or booster, your vaccine card.

The availability of the vaccine is not limited to just the health department. Individuals are encouraged to work with local pharmacies, federally qualified health centers, and healthcare providers to get an appointment.

For anyone without access to the internet, City, Town and Village clerks can assist with online registration as well as the Cayuga Community Health Network by calling 315-252-4212.