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## **Cayuga County COVID-19 Situational Update as of 2:30pm**

**Total Hospitalized Cases: 9 Cayuga County residents** (3 of which is unvaccinated)

COVID-19 hospitalization reports received today from Crouse Hospital, Upstate University Hospital, St. Joseph's Health, and Auburn Community Hospital.

### Age Demographics:

- 100s: 0
- 90s: 0
- 80s: 0
- 70s: 1 (1 vaccinated)
- 60s: 2 (2 vaccinated)
- 50s: 4 (2 unvaccinated, 2 vaccinated)
- 40s: 0
- 30s: 0
- 20s: 1 (1 vaccinated)
- 10s: 1 (1 unvaccinated)
- Less than 10 years of age: 0

### **Deaths:**

A Cayuga County resident – a female in her nineties – has tested positive for COVID-19 and has passed away. Out of respect for the privacy of the deceased and her family, we will not be releasing any further information.

There have been 137 total reported Cayuga County deaths related to COVID-19.

**Active Cases in Mandatory Isolation: 112 in Mandatory Isolation**



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**Additional Information:** New York State Governor Kathy Hochul lifted the state-wide mask mandate for public indoor settings effective Thursday February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022. This means wearing a mask in public, indoor settings is optional for persons regardless of vaccination status, but businesses and employers still have the option to require customers / employees to wear them. Masks will still be required in certain high-risk settings, such as healthcare settings, nursing homes, schools, public transportation, correctional facilities, and shelters. These settings will be reevaluated in March, according to the State. See the press release here:

<https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/audio-video-photos-rush-transcript-governor-hochul-holds-covid-19-briefing>

On February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022, the CDC released a Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) which released data on the effectiveness of mask-wearing in public, indoor settings. According to this CDC data, persons who consistently wore a cloth mask indoors had a 56% lower risk of testing positive for COVID-19. Those who consistently wore a surgical mask indoors had a 66% lower risk of testing positive for COVID-19. And those who consistently wore a respirator mask (N95 or KN95) had an 83% lower risk of testing positive for COVID-19. See the MMWR here:

[https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/71/wr/mm7106e1.htm?s\\_cid=mm7106e1\\_w](https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/71/wr/mm7106e1.htm?s_cid=mm7106e1_w)

For more information and data on the current COVID-19 pandemic, visit

<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/positive-tests-over-time-region-and-county>