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## **Cayuga County COVID-19 Situational Update as of 4:30pm**

### **New cases**

Wednesday, October 14, 2020 – ten new cases, one out of county resident hospitalized and three Cayuga County residents hospitalized.

- A female in her forties, living outside the City of Auburn.
- A female in her forties, living outside the City of Auburn.
- A female in her fifties, living outside the City of Auburn.
- A female in her fifties, living outside the City of Auburn.
- A female in her seventies, living outside the City of Auburn.
- A male in his twenties, living outside the City of Auburn.
- A male in his forties, living outside the City of Auburn.
- A male in his forties, living outside the City of Auburn.
- A male in his seventies, living outside the City of Auburn.
- A teenager, living outside the City of Auburn, not enrolled in an educational setting.

Contact tracing is complete for these cases.

Thursday, October 15, 2020 – seven new cases, one out of county resident hospitalized five Cayuga County residents hospitalized

- A female in her twenties, living inside the City of Auburn.
- A female in her forties, living inside the City of Auburn.
- A female in her fifties, living inside the City of Auburn.
- A female in her fifties, living outside the City of Auburn.
- A female in her sixties, living inside the City of Auburn.
- A male in his seventies, living inside the City.
- A male in his twenties, living outside the City of Auburn.

Contact tracing is complete for these cases.

Friday October 16, 2020 – seven new cases, four Cayuga County residents hospitalized

- A female in her fifties, living outside the City of Auburn.
- A male in his twenties, living inside the City of Auburn.
- A female in her twenties, living inside the City of Auburn.
- A female in her thirties, living inside the City of Auburn.
- A female in her forties, living inside the City of Auburn.



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- A male in his fifties, living inside the City of Auburn.
- A female in her seventies, living inside the City of Auburn.

Contact tracing is on-going.

### **Active Cases in Mandatory Quarantine/ Isolation**

219 in Mandatory Quarantine

35 in Mandatory Isolation

### **Hospitalized Cases**

Currently there are four Cayuga County resident hospitalized.

### **Confirmed Cases – total year to date**

There have been a total of 269 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Cayuga County.

### **Discharges- total year to date**

There have been 229 individuals discharged from Mandatory Isolation.

### **Deaths**

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

### **Additional Information**

The Cayuga County Health Department would like to inform the public of a forty percent increase in the number of confirmed positive COVID-19 cases in since September 14, 2020. Along with the increase in the number of confirmed positive cases, we have seen an exponential increase in the number of contacts (the people who have been exposed to the confirmed positive cases).

It has become more evident in recent weeks that the uptick in COVID-19 cases in our county is related to more widespread community spread/transmission of the virus. As contact tracing has revealed more and more people are participating in social gatherings including parties and a baby shower. At these gatherings social distancing was not maintained, mask wearing and mass gathering rules were not being followed.

Not only are we seeing an increase in the number of contacts, but recently many of our people in quarantine are later testing positive for COVID-19 due to the exposure that placed them into quarantine. This is why when doing contact tracing, it is important that people are honest about who they have been in contact with and also why it is so very important that people in mandatory quarantine adhere to the legal order issued by our department.



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As we move forward as a community, the Cayuga County Health Department is asking the public to:

- stay home when sick
- practice safe social distancing by staying six feet apart from others both indoors and outdoors
- wear a face covering both indoors and outdoors when safe social distancing (six feet apart) cannot be maintained
- limit the gatherings we attend
- keep our social circles small

