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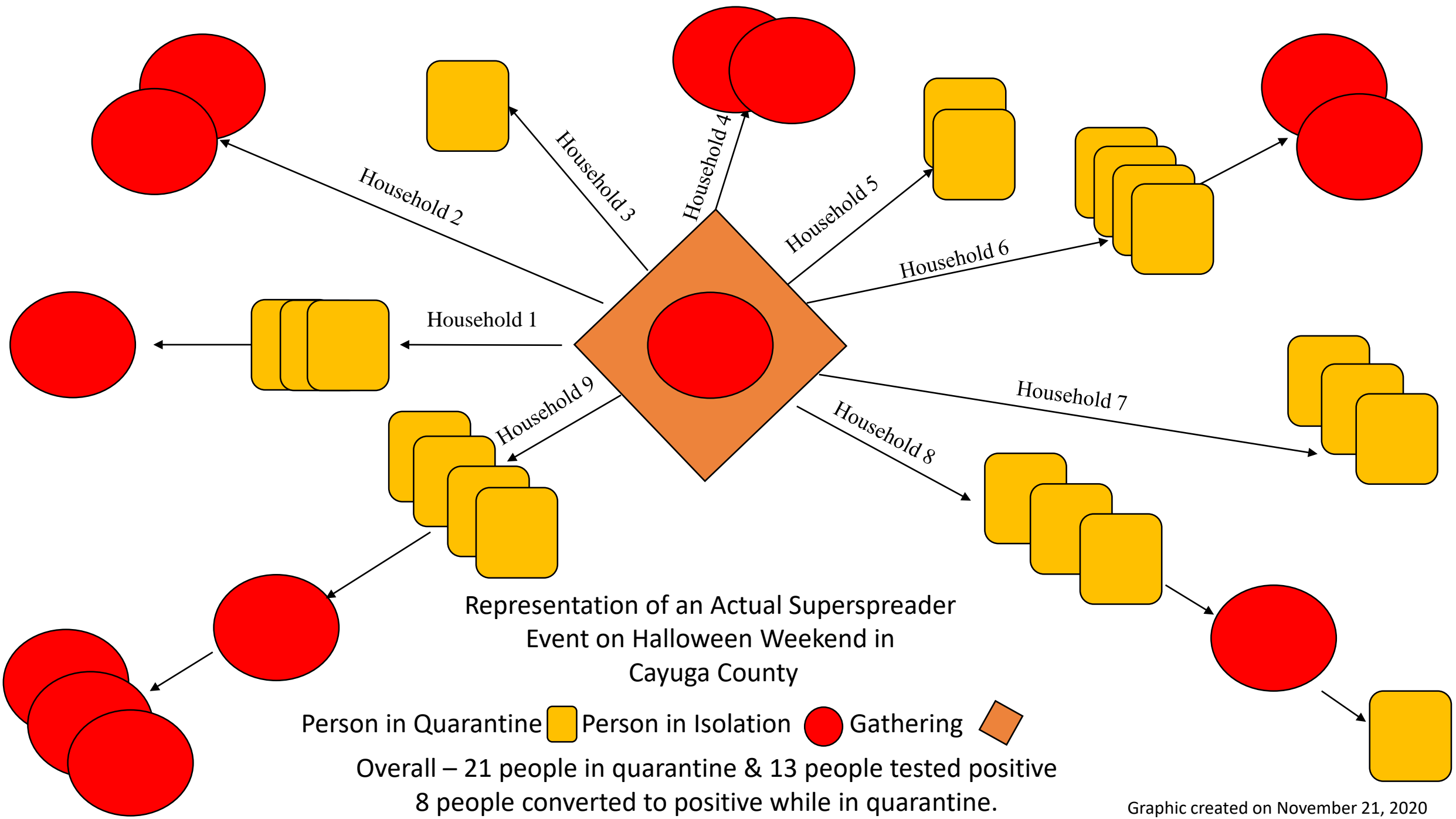
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Cayuga County COVID-19 Superspreader Event




Over the Halloween weekend, many people gathered socially. As we are about three weeks out from Halloween the Cayuga County Health Department is still managing cases associated with those gatherings.

The attached graphic, demonstrates how quickly COVID-19 can spread and just how contagious the virus is. One person who was experiencing symptoms they did not attribute to COVID-19 and who was infectious at the time of the gathering, exposed a large number of people at the gathering on Halloween weekend.

The gathering resulted in 21 people being quarantined, eight of those individuals became positive for COVID-19 while in quarantine. The eight individuals who did convert to positive while in quarantine, did not have exposures at school sites or workplaces, because we were able to quarantine them from their exposure to the original positive case. This demonstrates the importance of quarantine. Overall, there were thirteen people who were positive from one gathering. Each of these 13 individuals had a wide range of symptoms, developing symptoms and testing positive each on their own timeline.



Representation of an Actual Superspreader Event on Halloween Weekend in Cayuga County

Person in Quarantine  Person in Isolation  Gathering 

Overall – 21 people in quarantine & 13 people tested positive
8 people converted to positive while in quarantine.