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Cayuga County COVID-19 Situational Update as of 3:30pm

New Cases

Friday, March 19, 2021 – four new cases admitted

Saturday, March 20, 2021- seven new cases admitted

Sunday, March 21, 2021- five new cases admitted

Active Cases in Mandatory Isolation

57 Mandatory Isolation

Confirmed Cases – total since March 18, 2020

There have been 5,443 of COVID-19 in Cayuga County.

Hospitalizations

There are 2 COVID-19 related hospitalization at Auburn Community Hospital.

Deaths

There have been 89 total Cayuga County deaths related to COVID-19

Additional Information

Effective today, March 22, 2021, pharmacies can now vaccinate all New Yorkers with comorbidities or underlying health conditions, regardless of age. These individuals can provide the pharmacy with a doctor's letter, medical information indicating comorbidity, or a signed certification.

New York residents age 16 and older ** with the following health conditions are eligible for vaccines due to increased risk or moderate or severe illness or death from the virus that causes COVID-19:

- Cancer (current or in remission, including 9/11-related cancers)
- Chronic kidney disease
- Pulmonary Disease, including but not limited to, COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease), asthma (moderate-to-severe), pulmonary fibrosis, cystic fibrosis, and 9/11 related pulmonary diseases
- Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities including Down Syndrome
- Heart conditions, including but not limited to heart failure, coronary artery disease, cardiomyopathies, or hypertension (high blood pressure)



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- Immunocompromised state (weakened immune system) including but not limited to solid organ transplant or from blood or bone marrow transplant, immune deficiencies, HIV, use of corticosteroids, use of other immune weakening medicines, or other causes
- Severe Obesity (BMI 40 kg/m²), Obesity (body mass index [BMI] of 30 kg/m² or higher but < 40 kg/m²)
- Pregnancy
- Sickle cell disease or Thalassemia
- Type 1 or 2 diabetes mellitus
- Cerebrovascular disease (affects blood vessels and blood supply to the brain)
- Neurologic conditions including but not limited to Alzheimer's Disease or dementia
- Liver disease

** The Pfizer vaccine is approved for individuals 16 years and older. The Cayuga County Health Department has been receiving and administering Moderna vaccine, which is approved for individuals 18 and older.

Also effective today, indoor fitness classes shall be permitted to operate, subject to adherence to Department of Health guidance. In addition, non-essential private residential gatherings are allowed a maximum of 10 or fewer individuals indoors or up to 25 individuals outdoors, provided that social distancing, face covering and cleaning and disinfections protocols required by the Department of Health are adhered to.

Beginning tomorrow March 23, 2021, at 8 a.m., New Yorkers 50 years of age and older will be eligible to receive the vaccine.
