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Cayuga County COVID-19 Update

Governor Hochul announced that New York State will be rescinding the school-based masking mandate effective today, Wednesday March 2nd, 2022. As we have been doing since the beginning of the pandemic, the Cayuga County Health Department will be following the recommendations from our state and therefore supporting the decision to not require masking in schools effective Wednesday, March 2nd, 2022. Like the Governor indicated, we will continue to assess the situations in our community and address public health needs as may be indicated.

As a reminder, persons who test positive for COVID-19 should remain in isolation for a full 5 days (where day 0 = symptom-onset or test date if asymptomatic). Mask-wearing and social-distancing is required on days 6 – 10, which means persons who test positive for COVID-19 can return to their preschool – grade 12 school setting on day 6 but are required to wear a mask through day 10. Furthermore, persons identified to have been in close contact with a person who tested positive for COVID-19 are required to wear a mask for 10 days (where day 0 = last date of contact) in a preschool – grade 12 school setting.

For more information about COVID-19 guidance in schools and childcare centers, visit: <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/schools-youth> or <https://ocfs.ny.gov/programs/childcare/>

Total Hospitalized Cases: 2 Cayuga County residents

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: 1 (1 vaccinated)
- 70s: 0
- 60s: 0
- 50s: 0
- 40s: 1 (1 vaccinated)
- 30s: 0
- 20s: 0
- 10s: 0
- Less than 10 years of age: 0



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Deaths:

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

There have been 139 total reported Cayuga County deaths related to COVID-19.

Active Cases in Mandatory Isolation: 59 in Mandatory Isolation

Additional Information: For more information and data on the current COVID-19 pandemic, visit <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/positive-tests-over-time-region-and-county> and/or <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/science/community-levels.html>

The Cayuga County Health Department hosts COVID-19 vaccination clinics scheduled routinely. Check out our website for dates and times: www.cayugacounty.us/health