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

### **New Cases**

Tuesday, December 22, 2020 – one hundred twenty-one new cases admitted plus three residential cases local correctional facilities

### **Cases Awaiting Admission**

- December 23, 2020 – 132 cases at 8 a.m.

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

3,562 Mandatory Quarantine  
610 in Mandatory Isolation

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

There have been 2,083 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Cayuga County.

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

There have been 1,460 individuals discharged from Mandatory Isolation.

### **Hospitalizations**

There are 35 COVID-19 related hospitalized cases at Auburn Community Hospital.

### **Deaths**

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

### **Additional Information**

Healthcare providers and facilities that are providing COVID-19 testing are required to notify patients of their results, including positive results.

Those who are being tested for COVID-19 should remain home until they receive their results. This will reduce the risk of workplace, school, social and community exposures should the results come back as positive.

If you are notified by a healthcare provider or testing facility/clinic that you are positive for COVID-19, you are required to isolate at home and the Cayuga County Health Department will be in contact with you. If you are not home when you receive notification, you must return home immediately, not stopping anywhere for anything.



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Once the Cayuga County Health Department receives your results from the laboratory, we will contact you to begin our interview and contact tracing. It may take a few days from when you get your results to when we receive them from the laboratory and make contact with you. We ask that you are patient. A couple of ways positive individuals can be helpful is to begin gathering names, addresses and phone numbers of people you may have been in contact with. Additionally, if you are in a position to inform your close contacts of their exposure to you, they can be quarantine until they hear from the Health Department to formalize quarantine if appropriate.

As the number of cases continue to climb at rapid rates, we are pleading with the public to work with us by:

- staying home when ill
  - staying home until receiving test results
  - not gathering with individuals outside of your own household
  - limiting the number of trips you make to the store
  - wearing face covers when in public both indoors and outdoors
  - keep a safe social distance from others
  - wash your hands frequently and thoroughly
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