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## **Cayuga County COVID-19 Situational Update as of 3:00pm**

### **New Cases**

Wednesday, March 17, 2021 – nine new cases admitted

Thursday, March 18, 2021 –ten new cases admitted

### **Active Cases in Mandatory Isolation**

64 Mandatory Isolation

### **Confirmed Cases – total since March 18, 2020**

There have been 5,427 cases of COVID-19 in Cayuga County.

### **Hospitalizations**

There is 1 COVID-19 related hospitalization at Auburn Community Hospital.

### **Deaths**

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

### **Additional Information**

Effective March 17, 2021, Public-facing government and public employees, Not-for-profit workers who provide public-facing services to New Yorkers in need, essential in-person public-facing building service workers are all now eligible to receive the COVID19 vaccine. If you are eligible, please work through your employer to contact the Department or join the eligible lists being maintained by your Village, Town or the City in Cayuga County.

The availability of the vaccine is not limited to just the health department. Individuals are encouraged to work with local pharmacies, federally qualified health centers and the NYS mass vaccination sites to get an appointment. While pharmacies continue to vaccinate individuals age 60 and older, and prioritize P-12 school faculty and staff, and childcare workers per federal guidance, they are **now authorized to vaccinate individuals age 18 -59 with comorbidities or underlying health conditions**

To make the most efficient use of all our vaccines, we do ask that if you are on a number of wait lists or if you have appointments scheduled at multiple locations, that once you receive the vaccine, you remove your name or cancel other appointments that you will not need.

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