Sunday, April 12, 2020

4/12/2020 COVID-19 Updates

One new confirmed case of COVID-19 in Chautauqua County today

Chautauqua County statistics:

- 24 confirmed cases, including one new case, a male in his 60s
- 8 active cases - continue to recover under orders of the Local Health Official per NYS Public Health Law;
- 13 recovered cases;
- 3 deaths;
- 125 cases under quarantine/isolation orders by the Public Health Director and being monitored. Not all of those being monitored are confirmed to have COVID-19 but have either shown symptoms, are awaiting results, or have risk factors; and
- 399 negative test results to date.

"May this Easter give us added strength to successfully overcome COVID-19 and create a healthier planet," said India Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

THANK YOU FROM CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES:

For the final day of National Public Health Week, we bring you a COVID-19 thank you from our public health nurses.

"Thank you for staying home."
"Thank you for finding alternative and non-congregating ways to worship on Easter Sunday."
"Thank you for sacrificing gathering together for the sake of your loved ones, friends, and neighbors."
"Thank you for taking care of those less fortunate and more vulnerable."
"Thank you for wearing a mask when you absolutely must go out for essential items."
"Thank you for maintaining a social (6 foot) distance from people that you don't live with."
"Thank you for taking extra care in washing and sanitizing your hands."
"Thank you for taking the time to explain this crazy time to kids."
"Thank you for being strong Chautauqua."

INFORMATION ABOUT REPORTING
Chautauqua County Health Department is currently reporting (to the public) all test results (of Chautauqua County residents) that we receive notice of through the NYS electronic reporting system - positive and negative

(currently 24 and 399 respectively). Positive test results are separated into active cases (continue to be monitored by public health nursing staff - currently 8), recovered cases (time has passed, symptoms have resolved, and they are no longer monitored by public health nursing staff - currently 13), or deaths (cases with a known positive COVID-19 test that resulted in death - currently 3).

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT POSITIVE COVID-19 CASES:
Chautauqua County Public Health staff is conducting investigations to identify close contacts of positive COVID-19 cases.

Following guidance from NYSDOH, contact tracing will begin 48 hours before the day the person with the positive test started having symptoms. NYSDOH deems this the beginning of the infectious period.
Once identified, our department notifies the close contacts of their potential exposure to COVID-19 and they are placed under mandatory or precautionary quarantine to monitor for symptoms. If you do not personally hear from a public health nurse, you are not a close contact of an individual who has been confirmed to have COVID-19. As of April 8, in a community setting, the definition of close contact with COVID-19 cases, for purposes of contact investigations and potential movement restrictions such as quarantine, includes - sharing the same household; direct physical contact; direct contact with infectious secretions of a COVID-19 case; being within 6 feet of a case for 10 minutes or more (ex. room, car). The local health department considers other factors such as proximity of contact, duration of exposure, and whether an individual has symptoms, when deciding whether an exposure resulted in close contact.

Link to COVID-19 Map:
   https://chautauquacounty.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/012d07321ad6415c8cf17c4f673643c9

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