Monday, April 13, 2020

4/13/2020 COVID-19 Updates

No new cases of COVID-19 in Chautauqua County today

Chautauqua County statistics:

- 24 confirmed cases;
- 3 active cases - continue to recover under orders of the Local Health Official per NYS Public Health Law;
- 18 recovered cases;
- 3 deaths;
- 127 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
- 427 negative test results to date.

Rainy quarantine days can help you plan your next grocery list/delivery. As the stay-at-home COVID-19 suggestions continue, the grocery delivery options expand. There may be a slight wait for delivery times, so, plan ahead. Look up a few recipes to make later in the week; make a list of items you need; and put your grocery order in now. Gone (at least for now) are the days of immediate grocery shopping gratification. Use your time to plan and adapt to the changes we are all facing. Here are some grocery delivery ideas:

www.instacart.com Log in, put in your zip code, and see if there are delivery options in your area. There may be added fees – service and delivery, but you can shop from home and stay out of the store. Wegmans, Aldi, and Tops have Instacart services.

You can find a list of smaller Chautauqua County stores that offer pick-up and delivery options on the Chautauqua County Government webpage – COVID-19 – Resources – Community Health Interest – Grocery Store Home Delivery. https://chqgov.com/sites/default/files/inline-files/Grocery%20delivery%20March%202020.pdf

Walmart offers online grocery ordering and pickup option. www.walmart.com

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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