



Thursday, April 16, 2020

### **4/16/2020 COVID-19 Updates**

#### **One new case of COVID-19 in Chautauqua County today**

Chautauqua County statistics:

- 27 confirmed cases, including 1 new case today: a woman in her 60s.
- 5 active cases - continue to recover under orders of the Local Health Official per NYS Public Health Law;
- 19 recovered cases;
- 3 deaths;
- 88 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
- 493 negative test results to date.

FACE COVERINGS – No need to panic.

Governor Cuomo has issued an executive order requiring all people in NY to wear face coverings in public and in situations where social distancing cannot be maintained, effective Friday, April 17.

The cloth face coverings recommended are not surgical masks or N-95 respirators. Those are critical supplies that must continue to be reserved for healthcare workers and other medical first responders, as recommended by current CDC guidance.

The order to wear a face covering is not reason to panic. Think about the goal, and use common sense.

- The goal is to keep your germs to yourself when you must be around someone in public.
- Common sense tells you to cover your mouth and nose.

Simply cover your nose and mouth when you are in a public place where other people are present (within 6 feet). If you have a homemade mask, please use it; if you don't, there is no reason to panic; use a bandana, a scarf, a buff, etc. – preferably two layers of cloth, covering the nose and mouth. Cloth face coverings should not be placed on young children under age 2.

Remember the goal is to keep your germs to yourself when you must be around someone in public. You do not need to wear a face covering when you are in your home, car, or yard – so stay home. If you are sick, stay home.

There is a new page on our website with information specifically related to face coverings. You can access that here: <https://chqgov.com/public-health/face-masks>

You have the power to slow the spread. Please keep practicing these good hygiene habits:

- Wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds; use hand sanitizer if soap and water is not available.
- Avoid touching your face.
- Cough or sneeze into your elbow or a tissue; throw the tissue away.
- Disinfect frequently touched surfaces.

Link to Chautauqua County COVID-19 Map:

<https://chautauquacounty.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/012d07321ad6415c8cf17c4f673643c9>

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