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Positive COVID-19 Test Results and Numbers in Quarantine/Isolation Rise in Chautauqua County

13 Positives today; 166 people in quarantine or isolation

MAYVILLE, N.Y.: - The Chautauqua County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has released its daily COVID-19 statistics for Chautauqua County.

For July 7, 2020, the county's statistics include:

- 17 active cases, continue to recover under orders of the Local Health Official per NYS Public Health Law including:
  - 13 new cases today of a pediatric case, a female in her teens, a female in her 60s, a female in her 30s, and 9 females all in their 20s;

- 166 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;

- 0 persons hospitalized* in Chautauqua County as of 7/5/2020
     *number of persons in Chautauqua County hospitals diagnosed with COVID-19, regardless of residency

- To date:
  - 126 recovered cases;
  - 7 deaths;
  - 150 total confirmed cases; and
  - 17,259 negative test results.

DHHS encourages you to make good choices. There is currently no vaccine to prevent coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). That means it is up to all of us to prevent illness by avoiding exposure to the virus.

COVID-19 is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person:

- between people who are in close contact with one another (within 6 feet) for 10 minutes or longer or who have had physical contact through touching, shaking hands, hugging, etc.;

- through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks;

- droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or be inhaled into the lungs; and

- by people who are not showing symptoms.

If you are out and about; if you are traveling; if you are on a boat; if you are in a store/restaurant - make good choices:

- If you travel, minimize contact with people outside your immediate family. Examples of things you can do to accomplish this – pay for your gas at the pump; pack drinks and snacks – avoid going inside a gas station/convenience store.

- If you travel to a high-risk state, as determined by data presented by the Governor, you must quarantine for 14 days. Information about the NYS travel advisory is available at: https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-travel-advisory .

- Avoid going to crowded places. When people come together in crowds, you are more likely to come into close contact with someone that has COVID-19, and it is more difficult to maintain physical distance.

- Put distance between yourself and other people – at least 6 feet. When someone coughs, sneezes, or speaks, they spray small liquid droplets from their nose or mouth, which may contain the virus. If you are close, you can breathe in the droplets, including COVID-19 if the person has the disease.

- If you are within 6 feet of someone that you do not live with, wear a face covering. COVID-19 spreads via respiratory droplets. Protect yourself and others by covering your nose and mouth when unable to maintain 6 feet of distance.

- Wash your hands often! If soap and water are not available, sanitize your hands with hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Washing your hands or using hand sanitizer kills viruses that may be on your hands.

- Don't touch your face with your hands. Hands touch many surfaces and can pick up viruses. Contaminated hands can transfer the virus to your eyes, nose, or mouth.

- Disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces daily (or more often).

- Don't share anything that goes in your mouth – cups, drink bottles/cans, utensils, e-cigarettes, pipes . . .anything else that goes in your mouth. Don't give your germs away.

- If you cough or sneeze, cough or sneeze into your elbow or use a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash. Droplets spread virus. By following good respiratory hygiene, you protect the people around you.

- If you are sick, stay home. Don't risk spreading your germs.

- Avoid contact with people who are sick. If you aren't in contact with people who have the virus, you won't get the virus.

"If you think you can't get COVID-19, you are wrong," said Christine Schuyler, Chautauqua County Public Health Director. "If you make good choices, you minimize your risk of getting the virus; you also minimize the risk of passing the virus on to others if you do get it. Please use common sense and good judgement."

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