



GENESEE & ORLEANS COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENTS



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COVID-19 Press Briefing

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* **We are in Phase 4.** Electronic Press Briefings will be sent out daily (Mon-Fri) at 4:00 p.m. and will include the narrative of the new cases and the charts. We only report the numbers that are directly received to our departments. ZOOM briefings will be scheduled on an as needed basis and ZOOM invites will be sent out. Any questions, either related to the briefings or for other issues to be addressed can be e-mailed to Nola Goodrich-Kresse (Nola.Goodrich-Kresse@orleanscountyny.gov) or Kristine Voos (Kristine.Voos@co.genesee.ny.us).

SITUATIONAL UPDATE: STAY HOME; WASH HANDS; SOCIAL DISTANCING; WEAR A FACE COVERING!

- Data Update –
- Genesee County reporting 4 new positive cases of COVID-19 for a total of 4961 positive cases.
 - The new positive cases reside in the:
 - Central Region (Alexander, Batavia, Bethany, Elba, Oakfield)
 - The individuals are in their 20's, 30's and 40's.
 - 6 of the previous positive individuals have recovered and have been removed from the isolation list.
 - 7 of the current positive individuals are hospitalized.
 - We are saddened to report the loss of one community resident. The individual was over 65. We do not provide any further information to protect the privacy of the individuals and their families. Our deepest condolences to the families and friends during this very difficult time.
- Orleans County reporting 20 new positive cases of COVID-19 for a total of 2785 positive cases.
 - The positive cases reside in the:
 - West Region (Yates, Ridgeway, Shelby)
 - Central Region (Carlton, Gaines, Albion, Barre)
 - East Region (Kendall, Murray, Clarendon)

- The individuals are in their 0-19's, 20's, 30's, 40's, and 50's.
- 12 of the previous positive individuals have recovered and have been removed from the isolation list.
- 2 of the new positive individuals were previously on quarantine prior to testing positive.
- 4 of the current positive individuals are hospitalized.

Genesee Orleans County Health Departments COVID-19 Status Reporting on 04/21/21					
County	# Positive - Total	#Negative - Total	Mandatory Isolation - Community (Active / Positive)	NYS Fatality Data	#Recovered - Community
Genesee	4961	119165	69	http://bit.ly/NYSFatalityData	4366
Orleans	2785	64888	91		2305
Total	7746	184053	160		6671

Click [here](#) to view the Genesee and Orleans County online map of confirmed cases.

The State updates the raw positive and fatality data as they receive it and can be seen here: <http://bit.ly/NYSFatalityData> The data is updated on Fridays with the latest data.

Vaccine Update: Both counties are offering vaccination clinic registration via phone – these numbers are for **COVID Vaccination Registration ONLY**. In Genesee call (585) 815-7168. In Orleans call (585) 589-3170. For both numbers ask for the vaccine registration help line. **The vaccine registration help line is NOT associated with either Public Health Department. The individuals who answer the phone can ONLY assist with registering for a COVID-19 clinic, they cannot answer COVID-related questions.**

There are still two vaccines and there have been no adverse events with either Moderna or Pfizer vaccine. **PLEASE SHARE THE LINK WITH OTHERS. ALL New Yorkers 16 and over are eligible to get the COVID-19 vaccine. Visit the [GO Health Vaccination Page \(https://bit.ly/GOHealthVaccine\)](https://bit.ly/GOHealthVaccine) to check for upcoming Vaccination Clinics. All of our clinics are targeted for Genesee and Orleans County residents but open to residents who live, work and/or study in New York State. Once you are fully vaccinated you will be able to travel without testing, attend large gatherings without testing, go to prom, high school/college graduations without testing, attend professional sporting events without testing and so much more. The best thing is that if you are exposed to someone who tests positive for COVID-19 you will NOT have to quarantine! Until more people are vaccinated we have to continue to wear face masks/coverings when out in public, limit time in public and large gatherings and of**

course, continue to wash/sanitize your hands frequently.

- As of April 6, 2021 anyone 16 years of age and older are eligible to get the COVID-19 vaccine along with the other priority groups. Pfizer vaccine is recommended for those 16 and older (those under 18 must have a parent / guardian present when getting the vaccine, check the NYS-run clinics for Pfizer vaccine: <https://covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/>). Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines are recommended for those 18 and older.

The Finger Lakes Vaccine Hub has launched a Finger Lakes Region Vaccine Finder:
<https://flvaccinehub.org/getting-your-vaccine/#vaccine-finder>

School Update: Interim Guidance for In-person Instruction at Pre-K to Grade 12 Schools: [https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/default/files/atoms/files/Pre-K to Grade 12 Schools MasterGuidance.pdf](https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/default/files/atoms/files/Pre-K%20to%20Grade%2012%20Schools%20MasterGuidance.pdf) and for End of Academic Year Celebrations: https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2021/04/doh_covid19_updatedgraduationguidance_041221.pdf

Travel Update: NYS Travel Advisory: <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-travel-advisory> Updated Travel Guidance: https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2021/04/updated_travel_advisory_april102021.pdf

ALL travelers are still required to complete the Health Traveler Form and must:

- Monitor symptoms daily from day of arrival in New York through day 14;
- Continue strict adherence to all recommended non-pharmaceutical interventions, including hand hygiene (wash/sanitize frequently) and the use of face coverings, through Day 14 (even if fully vaccinated); and
- Must immediately self-isolate if any symptoms develop and contact their healthcare provider or local public health department to report this change in clinical status and determine if they should seek testing.

For wedding and defined catered events, the following guidance and GO Health Large Event form are specific to these events and do not go by the non-essential gathering guidance. Starting April 2nd, 2021, Small and Medium Scale Performing Arts and Entertainment of the Interim Guidance are to follow the Interim Guidance for Small and Medium Scale Performing Arts & Entertainment During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency which was updated April 1, 2021:

https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/governor.ny.gov/files/atoms/files/Small_and_Medium_Performing_Arts_Detailed_Guidance.pdf

To report events/social gatherings over NYS's maximum social gathering limits of 100 indoors and 200 outdoors to Genesee or Orleans County Health Departments use this link:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GOHealthLargeEvent>

To check for vaccination clinics in Genesee and Orleans Counties please go to:
<http://bit.ly/GOHealthVaccine>. For more information about the vaccine and access for those who

are 60 and older who do NOT have internet access, please contact your respective Office for the Aging (OFA). For Genesee OFA please call 585-813-2457 for COVID-19 Vaccine assistance between 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and leave a message if you get voicemail and someone will return the call. For Orleans OFA please call 585-589-3191 between 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and leave a message if you get voicemail and someone will return the call. The OFA offices can only assist with the clinic links as they are available. The system may experience slowdowns and crashing due to high volume. Please be patient and try again later.

Social distancing, wearing cloth masks/face coverings over the mouth and nose, and handwashing, cleaning and disinfection protocol requirements are to be continued to limit the spread of COVID-19.

For FREE Rapid Testing, click here: <https://bit.ly/GOHealthTesting> the links will be live when there is a clinic scheduled and there are open appointments. Clinics will be limited and determined week-by-week.

- **After testing, go home to wait for your results...do NOT go out in public.**
- If the clinics are closed please check the NYS COVID-19 Drive through test sites: Call New York State Department of Health Testing Appointments Call 1-888-364-3065 or
 - Monroe Community College – testing by appointment only:
<https://www.monroecc.edu/index.php?id=29078>
 - Niagara County Community College - <https://covid19screening.health.ny.gov/covid-19-screening/>

New York State Resource and Data Links:

- **Vaccine Information:** <https://covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/covid-19-vaccine-tracker> This now includes the county breakdown.
- To learn more about the businesses and restrictions go to <https://forward.ny.gov/ny-forward>
- NY Forward Rapid Test Program: <https://forward.ny.gov/ny-forward-rapid-test-program>
- Percent Positive 7/14 - day average click here (<https://forward.ny.gov/percentage-positive-results-county-dashboard>)
- **School Guidance:** Click [here](#) to access the COVID-19 Report Card.
- Raw positive data for each of the counties click the following link:
<https://covid19tracker.health.ny.gov/views/NYS-COVID19-Tracker/NYSDOHCOVID-19Tracker-Map?%3Aembed=yes&%3Atoolbar=no&%3Atabs=n>
- To learn more about large gatherings, quarantines and travel go to:
<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/travel-large-gatherings-and-quarantines#quarantines>

COVID-19 Reminders: If a person is identified as a contact, they will be notified by the County Health Department, quarantined and if warranted, swabbed if indicated. Limited information is provided to the public in compliance with HIPAA regulations and out of the respect of those impacted by this virus.

- When, and if, there is a situation where potential contact is made in a public location where contact tracing doesn't have actual names of close contacts, we will post an announcement on our websites to help seek contacts.
- If you are experiencing **ANY** COVID-19 related symptoms **STAY HOME!** Do not go to work, do not go to the store, do not go anywhere, **YOU** are spreading the virus. **STAY HOME!**

- **Flu Season:** It is important to get your flu shots now to build up immunity. It generally takes 2 weeks before immunity is built up after getting the shot. Once you have the flu vaccine, if you do get the flu, research shows that the vaccination reduces the risk of severe illness. Getting a flu vaccine can save healthcare resources for the care of patients with COVID-19 and other illnesses. Talk with your primary care provider today! #SleeveUp #FightFlu For locations go to <https://vaccinefinder.org/>. It is always good to call prior to going to make sure they have your vaccine in stock.
- **Flu Tracking: For the 2020-2021 Flu Season we will provide data weekly on the current influenza activity. To check the data click [here](#). For the current week ending date 03/27/21 Genesee County has 0 cases and Orleans County has 0 cases. There are 94 cases statewide. This is -5% from the previous week. Cases (Statewide) Season to date: 4,218. This data is influenza that is confirmed by laboratory testing. Not everyone seeks testing for confirmation of the flu.**

COVID-19 Resources: For general inquiries contact or call the Hotline: 1-888-364-3065 or click [Ask Question](#)

- Complaints and concerns: <https://forward.ny.gov/new-york-state-pause>
- Finger Lakes Regional Control Room: flnyf@esd.ny.gov
- To file a complaint about a business, location or incident in your community you can call 1-833-789-0470 or <https://mylicense.custhelp.com/app/ask>
- To find a test site, click the link: <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/find-test-site-near-you>
- New York State launched the **Excelsior Pass**, (www.epass.ny.gov/home) a voluntary, free, fast and secure way to present digital proof of COVID-19 vaccination or negative test results.
- ROC COVID-19 Health Screener: To learn more go to: <https://www.roccovid.org/index.html>
- For access to various languages and ASL videos click this CDC [link](#).
- **211 Now Available for COVID-19 Info:** Individuals across our region can now call 211 to get COVID-19 information and clinic updates (scheduling appointments through 211 is not available at this time).

Mental Health Resources:

Care+Crisis Helpline: 585-283-5200 or text 'Talk' to 741741

Genesee County Mental Health Department: 585-344-1421

Orleans County Mental Health Department: 585-589-7066