



# 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](mailto:Nola.Goodrich-Kresse@orleanscountyny.gov)) or Kristine Voos ([Kristine.Voos@co.genesee.ny.us](mailto:Kristine.Voos@co.genesee.ny.us)).

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

- Data Update –
- Genesee County reporting 32 new positive cases of COVID-19 for a total of 5109 positive cases which includes data from the weekend.
  - The new positive cases reside in the:
    - West Region (Alabama, Darien, Pembroke)
    - Central Region (Alexander, Batavia, Bethany, Elba, Oakfield)
    - East Region (Bergen, Byron, LeRoy, Pavilion, Stafford)
  - The individuals are in their 0-19's, 20's, 30's, 40's, 50's, 60's and 70's.
  - 36 of the previous positive individuals have recovered and have been removed from the isolation list.
  - 4 of the current positive individuals are hospitalized.
- Orleans County reporting 34 new positive cases of COVID-19 for a total of 2931 positive cases which includes data from the weekend.
  - The new 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, 50's, and 60's.

- 42 of the previous positive individuals have recovered and have been removed from the isolation list.
- 3 of the current positive individuals are hospitalized.

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 posted by the State.

### Prom (Graduation) Pointers:

- Get vaccinated now to be able to participate in end-of-the-year celebrations without having to be tested or miss out because you were exposed to someone who tested positive for COVID-19.
- All proms with over 100 participants (students and chaperones) are required to either be fully vaccinated (2 weeks after single dose Johnson & Johnson or 2 weeks after 2<sup>nd</sup> dose of Moderna and Pfizer vaccines) or have a valid negative test for COVID-19. If the individual has a PCR test it is good for up to 72 hours. The rapid antigen tests are only good for 6 hours on the day of the event, so timing to get that test is important.
- Limiting contacts with non-vaccinated individuals, proper mask wearing (covering nose & mouth), frequent handwashing, social distancing at least 6 feet from non-household members at least 2 weeks before your prom (or graduation) may protect you from missing this milestone event.
- If you test positive you will not be allowed to attend the event and it will also affect your contacts who are not fully vaccinated to not be able to attend.

- Getting the vaccine with plenty of time to become 'fully vaccinated' is the only way to assure you won't miss these end of the year celebrations.

### Graduation Guidance for End of Academic Year Celebrations:

[https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2021/04/doh\\_covid19\\_updatedgraduationguidance\\_042721.pdf](https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2021/04/doh_covid19_updatedgraduationguidance_042721.pdf)

If your business or organization is interested in hosting a Pop-up Vaccination Clinic, please fill out the form for GO Health Pop-up Vaccination Clinic:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GOHealthPopUpVaccineClinic>

**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.** 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.

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](http://bit.ly/GOHealthVaccination) (<http://bit.ly/GOHealthVaccination>) 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>

The GO Health COVID-19 Events Notification Form is to be completed for any events, social gatherings over the NYS maximum social gathering limit:

To report events/social gatherings over NYS's maximum social gathering limits of 100 indoors and 200 outdoors, no less than 5 days prior to the event, to Genesee or Orleans County Health Departments use this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GOHealthNotification>

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: <http://bit.ly/GOHealthC19Tests> 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 04/17/21 Genesee County has 0 cases and Orleans County has 0 cases. There are 81 cases statewide. This is -23% from the previous week. Cases (Statewide) Season to date: 4,486. 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](mailto: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](http://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**