



GENESEE & ORLEANS COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENTS



Paul A. Pettit, MSL
Public Health Director

Brenden A. Bedard, MPH
Deputy Public Health Director

COVID-19 Press Briefing

May 14, 2021 / 4:00 p.m.

* Beginning the week of May 10th, Electronic Press Briefings will only be sent out bi-weekly on Tuesday's and Friday's at 4:00 p.m. The narrative and charts of the new cases will include the previous days. We will 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 Kaitlin Pettine (Kaitlin.Pettine@co.genesee.ny.us). Kaitlin has joined Genesee County and GO Health as a Public Health Educator and Public Information Officer.

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

- Data Update – **Covering 05/11-05/14**
- Genesee County reporting 26 new positive cases of COVID-19 for a total of 5219 positive cases.
 - The individuals are in their 0-19's, 20's, and 50's.
 - 7 of the current positive individuals are hospitalized.
 - 34 of the previous positive individuals have completed their 10 day isolation and have been removed from mandatory isolation.
- Orleans County reporting 16 new positive cases of COVID-19 for a total of 3023 positive cases.
 - The individuals are in their 0-19's, 20's, 30's, 40's, 50's and 80's.
 - 0 of the current positive individuals are hospitalized.
 - 30 of the previous positive individuals have completed their 10 day isolation and have been removed from mandatory isolation.

Genesee Orleans County Health Departments COVID-19 Status
Reporting on 05/14/21

County	# Positive - Total	Mandatory Isolation - Community (Active / Positive)	# Recovered (Removed from Isolation)	1st COVID Vaccine Dose	COVID-19 Completed Series	# Deaths per NYSDOH Data - Total
Genesee	5219	43	4630	24,140	19,272	123
				51.10%	40.87%	
Orleans	3023	65	2572	14,800	11,617	83
				45.45%	35.68%	
Total	8242	108	7202	38,940	30,889	206

The vaccination data is from the Finger Lakes COVID-19 Vaccine Hub which uses different geographic bounds and inclusion criteria: <https://www.flvaccinehub.com/regional-data>

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 fatality data is updated on our charts on Fridays with the latest data posted by the State.

Masking: Although the CDC has determined it is safe for the majority of those who are fully vaccinated to not have to wear masks in most cases indoors and outside, NYS is currently still under the masking guidance and will be for both those fully vaccinated (2 weeks after final vaccination) or anyone not vaccinated. We are currently waiting on the State DOH and the chamber to provide updated guidance on these recommendations. We are advocating for the state to quickly adopt the CDC recommendations but until any changes are released current guidelines remain in effect.

Vaccine Update: Anyone 12 and older is now eligible to be vaccinated against COVID-19. Currently only the Pfizer vaccine is allowed for those who are 12-17 years old. All vaccination clinics are for both first and second doses for Moderna and Pfizer brands on a 'First Come, First Served' basis. Some clinics have walk-in (generally Moderna and Johnson & Johnson) and some are by appointment only (generally Pfizer). Please note making an appointment for any of the clinics will help save you time and make sure there is vaccine available for you.

For GO Health Department-run clinics use this link for updated clinics:

bit.ly/GOHealthVaccination

For general clinic locations, including pharmacies use the www.vaccines.gov link.

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.

For regional COVID-19 Vaccination data based on eligible population (currently 16+) for our counties go to: <https://flvaccinehub.com/regional-data>

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

Responsible parties are to report events/social gatherings over NYS's maximum social gathering limits, no less than 5 days prior to the event, to Genesee or Orleans County Health Departments by using this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GOHealthNotification>

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

For current updates visit <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/home> or <https://forward.ny.gov/ny-forward>

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>

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 05/08/21 Genesee County has 0 case and Orleans County has 0 cases. There are 82 cases statewide. This is -9% from the previous week. Cases (Statewide) Season to date: 4,763. 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