GENESEE & ORLEANS COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENTS

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COVID-19 Press Briefing

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- **Electronic Press Briefings will be sent out daily (Mon-Fri) at 4:00 p.m.   ZOOM briefings will be scheduled tentatively for 4:00 p.m. on Friday, unless breaking news and we will send the invitation out with notice early in the day. 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 Mari Hamilton (Mari.Hamilton@co.genesee.ny.us).**

SITUATIONAL UPDATE

New Cases

- **As of 2:00 p.m. today:**
  - **Genesee County received 1 new positive case of COVID-19 for a total of 77 positive cases**
    - **The individual resides in Batavia.**
    - **The individual is in their 30s.**
    - **The positive individual was not on quarantine prior to becoming symptomatic.**
    - **2 of the positive cases are hospitalized.**

  - **Orleans County: 2 new positive cases of COVID-19 for a total of 31**
    - **Of the new positive cases today, one lives in Albion and 1 lives in Barre**
    - **The ages include 1 individual is under 20 and 1 individual is in their 80's.**
    - **Three have recovered and have been released from mandatory isolation**
    - **3 of the positive cases are hospitalized.**

- **Mapping Update: Today we are adding Wyoming County mapping. Genesee Orleans County will not be making any statement related to Wyoming County. Please contact the Wyoming County Health Department for any inquiries.**

- Due to the current limited swabbing kits, there continue to be guidelines in place for primary care providers to order COVID-19 swabbing. This is based upon screening for high risk categories. Contact your primary care provider first to discuss symptoms and ability to be swabbed.

- **Contact tracing** has been initiated for all new cases. Known contacts have already been placed under mandatory quarantine and will be swabbed if indicated (if symptoms become present).

- 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 send out a media announcement 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!**

Genesee Orleans County Health Departments COVID-19 Status
As of 04/14/20

County	# Positive	#Negative	Mandatory Isolation (Positive)	Mandatory Quarantine	Precautionary Quarantine	# Deaths	#Recovered
Genesee	77	427	46	99	1	1	30
Orleans	31	246	21	64	0	0	10
Total	108	673	67	163	1	1	40

Cumulative Age Break Down Per County

Age	0-20	20's	30's	40's	50's	60's	70's	80's	90's & Older
Genesee	3	14	18	11	12	11	6	1	1
Orleans	1	1	2	3	5	8	6	2	3
Total	4	15	20	14	17	19	12	3	4

Click here to view the Genesee and Orleans County online map of confirmed cases

OPERATIONAL UPDATES

State of Emergency To Be Extended: Due to the Governor's Executive Order Dated April 12, 2020 extending the Disaster Emergency through May 12 2020, both counties are extending the State of Emergency for the same time period.

- Because COVID-19 is circulating locally, we can't stress enough how important social distancing is and that **EVERYONE** needs to take this seriously and stay home! **It is your social and civic responsibility to protect yourselves and others**.
    - o If you must shop for essentials, such as food, necessary household supplies or prescriptions, **shop solo**! Wear a face covering and wash or sanitize your hands frequently.
- Using cloth face coverings are recommended to protect others from you. Remember to wear one when you are out in public. You will need to be careful removing them from your face so as not to be exposed to any germs from the outside. Once removed, make sure you wash them in hot water, if able, and dry in a hot dryer. Wash your hands immediately after removing the mask. For more information about masks go to reliable sights such as the CDC: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html

Mental Health

- Everyone reacts differently to stressful situations and having to socially distance yourself from someone you love can be difficult. Below are resources that can help you connect to a professional that can help you through these challenging times:
    - o **Care + Crisis Helpline** is available 24/7 at **585-283-5200 or text 'Talk' to 741741**
    - o **New Yorkers can call the COVID-19 Emotional Support Hotline at 1-844-863-9314 for mental health counseling**
    - o **Head Space**: A mindfulness app called Headspace is offering some meditations to listen to for free to ease minds in such a stressful time. The app is free to download and includes meditations, sleep, and movement exercises to help with the varying emotions you may be feeling. The app does include in-app purchases. https://www.headspace.com/covid-19

NEW YORK STATE RESTRICTIONS / GUIDANCE

- The Governor's Executive Order will direct employers to provide essential workers with mask free of charge to wear when interacting with the public.
- The Governor has extended the Disaster Emergency through May 12, 2020.

https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/no-20216-continuing-temporary-suspension-and-modification-laws-relating-disaster-emergency

- Complaints regarding businesses are being referred to the State Department of Labor via online form https://labor.ny.gov/workerprotection/laborstandards/coronavirus-complaints.shtm or phone: 1-822-789-0470.
- **New York State on PAUSE**: To assist local authorities with enforcement of these orders, the Governor established the New York State PAUSE Enforcement Assistance Task Force where individuals can file complaints regarding the operation of non-essential businesses or gatherings 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Click here to file a complaint online. You may also call 1-833-789-0470. Businesses that are not in compliance with the Governor's executive order may be penalized.

COVID-19 RELIABLE SOURCES

- New York State Department of Health – click here
- CDC – click here
- Genesee County Health Department – click here
- Orleans County Health Department – click here
- NY State of Health – click here
- If you believe an employer is violating either existing labor laws or recently issued by Governor Andrew Cuomo, please contact the NYS Attorney General's office at (212) 416-8700 or Labor.Bureau@ag.ny.gov

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