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Wyoming County Board of Supervisors Chairwoman, Rebecca J. Ryan, reports that Wyoming County is experiencing an increase in positive COVID cases among residents. These cases are not specific to any particular area of Wyoming County; all quadrants have seen increasing activity over the last month. Neighboring counties across Western New York and the Finger Lakes Region are also experiencing case increases and community transmission. The weather is changing, gatherings are moving indoors where people are in closer contact to others and it's the beginning of the traditional cold and flu season. The Health Department is reminding residents to wear face coverings, maintain social distance and practice good hand hygiene.

Symptoms associated with COVID-19 can include temperature greater than 100.00° F, feeling feverish or have chills, cough, new loss of taste/smell, fatigue, sore throat, shortness of breath/trouble breathing, nausea/vomiting/diarrhea, muscle pain/body aches, headache, nasal congestion/runny nose.

If you are sick with symptoms consistent with COVID, stay away from others and contact your healthcare provider for advice, including whether to be tested for COVID. If you are tested for COVID-19 it is important that you stay separated from others until you get your test results whether you have symptoms or not.

[How can I get a COVID test in Wyoming County?](#)

Symptoms consistent with COVID are similar to those of other illnesses, including influenza. It is especially important to get a flu shot this year, to reduce the possibility of co-infection with COVID and seasonal influenza. Some people with COVID-19 exhibit no symptoms at all but can still transmit the illness to others, so residents are reminded to avoid non-essential gatherings where possible to reduce the potential risks associated with congregate settings where attendees may not be wearing face coverings or maintaining social distance. Talk in advance with friends and family about how to plan for a safe holiday season and if you're sick, please stay home to protect those most vulnerable to serious illness.

General questions about COVID response and local resources can call the Wyoming County Response Line at 786-8911.

What You Need to Know (from NYS Department of Health)

- A new [Cluster Action Initiative](#) will address COVID-19 hot spots that have cropped up across the state; Wyoming County is not a current hotspot/does not have any cluster zones.
- New travel guidelines allowing out-of-state travelers to "test out" of the mandatory 14-day quarantine will be in effect beginning November 4. [Find out more information here.](#)
- Based on each region's infection rate, schools across New York State can be open but must have a testing and tracing plan; a [COVID Report Card](#) hosted by the NYS Department of Health will show COVID-19 positive case data for every school district in the state.
- Movie theaters outside of New York City can reopen starting October 23 at 25 percent capacity with no more than 50 people allowed in front of each screen.

- Theaters can only open outside of New York City in counties that have COVID-19 positivity rates of less than 2 percent on a 14-day average and do not have any cluster zones.
- Ski resorts can reopen with 50 percent indoor capacity and with strict health and safety protocols under state-issued guidance starting Friday, November 6.
- To report violations of health and safety restrictions and requirements for businesses, gatherings and individuals, please choose the appropriate link below:
 - [File a complaint about a business, location or incident in your community.](#)
 - [File a complaint against your employer or place of work.](#)
- Go to forward.ny.gov to find: Industry guidance on re-opening; regional dashboards for monitoring how the virus is being contained; and information on loans for small businesses.
- New Yorkers without health insurance can apply through [NY State of Health](#) or call the Wyoming County Health Department at 786-8890 through 12/31/20; you should apply within 60 days of losing coverage.
- Health care workers can text NYFRONTLINE to 741-741 to access 24/7 emotional support services.
- Any New Yorker can call the COVID-19 Emotional Support Hotline at **1-844-863-9314** for mental health counseling.
- The Wyoming County Crisis Line is available 24 hours a day / 7 days a week at 283-5200.
- The NYS Department of Health collects, compiles, and analyzes information on flu activity year-round in New York, and produces a weekly report during the flu season (October through the following May).
<https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/influenza/surveillance/>

As of earlier today, Tuesday, November 04, 2020, the Wyoming County Health Department reports two hundred twenty (220) lab-confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 among Wyoming County residents. This is an increase of one (1) case from the last reported increase on Tuesday, November 03, 2020.

Quadrant	Positive Cases	Mandatory Isolation (ACTIVE)
Northwest (Attica, Bennington, Orangeville, Sheldon)	55	5
Southwest (Arcade, Eagle, Java, Wethersfield)	48	3
Southeast (Castile, Gainesville, Genesee Falls, Pike)	36	2
Northeast (Covington, Middlebury, Perry, Warsaw)	81	11
TOTAL	220	21

**Two (2) of the cases reported in the Northwest Quadrant were previously attributed to the Attica Correctional Facility.*

County	# of Positive	# of Negative	Mandatory Isolation	Mandatory Quarantine	Precautionary Quarantine (Traveler)	# Deaths	# Recovered
Wyoming	220	*25,897	21	117	173	5	194

**From the NYS Department of Health COVID-19 Tracker Report, not de-duplicated*

Cumulative Age Breakdown									
Age	0-20	20's	30's	40's	50's	60's	70's	80's	90+
Wyoming	21	40	22	35	39	34	19	7	3

- You can find this and additional information on the county website at <http://www.wyomingco.net/> under the **County News** heading by clicking on **Wyoming County Press Releases (COVID-19)**, **Genesee-Orleans-Wyoming Health Departments COVID-19 Case Tracker** and/or **COVID-19 Information** or by clicking on one of the following links:

- ***Reporting Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ):***
<http://www.wyomingco.net/DocumentCenter/View/3804/COVID-19-Tracker-Reporting-FAQ?bidId=>
- ***Genesee Orleans Wyoming County Health Departments COVID-19 Case Tracker:***
<https://cogeneseeny.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/045c599586864bfb9b8361fff2ac3bd3>

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