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**PRESS RELEASE
November 12, 2020 @ 2:00 p.m.**

Wyoming County Board of Supervisors Chairwoman, Rebecca J. Ryan, As of earlier today, Thursday, November 12, 2020, the Wyoming County Health Department reports two hundred seventy-three (273) lab-confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 among Wyoming County residents. This is an increase of eighteen (18) cases from the last reported increase on Tuesday, November 10, 2020.

Quadrant	Positive Cases	Mandatory Isolation (ACTIVE)
Northwest (Attica, Bennington, Orangeville, Sheldon)	76	19*
Southwest (Arcade, Eagle, Java, Wethersfield)	55	5
Southeast (Castile, Gainesville, Genesee Falls, Pike)	41	4
Northeast (Covington, Middlebury, Perry, Warsaw)	101	21
TOTAL	273	49

**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	273	*27,380	49	199	41	5	219

**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	32	50	30	45	46	37	23	7	3

New Information:

What happens when I get a COVID test?

There are different types of COVID-19 diagnostic tests. Tests can be either rapid (results usually available the same day) or laboratory analyzed (may take 3-4 days to get your result). Different test types have varying accuracy. Generally, laboratory analyzed tests are most accurate for detecting COVID-19, especially if you have mild symptoms. For greatest accuracy of results, the CDC recommends a COVID-19 test called a nasopharyngeal swab. The technician will put a special cotton swab up both sides of your nose and move it around for about 15 seconds. It won't hurt, but it might be uncomfortable. The swab is sent to a lab to test the material from inside your nose. It's important that you self-separate from others while you are waiting for your COVID-19 test result to prevent spreading illness. The process for a rapid test is similar, but rather than sending the sample to a clinical laboratory, it is analyzed using specialized equipment to detect COVID-19 at a location other than the clinical laboratory setting. Because of the increase in COVID-19 cases in NY and the United States, access to rapid testing is limited.

If your COVID-19 test is negative and you have symptoms or know you have been near someone with COVID-19, check with your healthcare provider for advice – you may need a repeat test.

If your COVID-19 test is positive, the lab must report the positive case to the NYS Department of Health within 24 hours of the result. You will then be contacted by the Wyoming County Health Department (WCHD) who will issue an Isolation Order and conduct a case investigation. Generally the period of isolation is 10 days from when your symptoms started, or 10 days from the date of your test if you are asymptomatic (have no symptoms). Nursing staff from the Health Department will give instructions on how to maintain safe isolation to reduce the spread of COVID-19. They will talk with you about where you have been and who you have been around during the time period 48 hours before you developed symptoms or were tested (if you are asymptomatic). You will be contacted daily by WCHD staff during your period of isolation. **Isolation** refers to separating people who are sick from those who are not sick for a period of time (generally 10 days from symptom onset, or 10 days from test result for patients who are asymptomatic).

If your COVID-19 test is positive, the people you have been around may be identified as “close contacts” that could be at risk for developing COVID-19 because of their exposure to you. Close contacts of someone with a confirmed case of COVID-19 will be issued a Quarantine Order, generally, for 14 days from date of last exposure to the confirmed positive case. Mask use, social distance and good hand hygiene are all factors that can influence whether you are considered a close contact of a confirmed positive case and be subject to a quarantine period. During quarantine, you will be contacted daily by the New York State COVID-19 Contact Tracing Team representatives by either phone or text. If you develop symptoms during quarantine, you may be referred for a COVID-19 test. **Quarantine** refers to separating people who have been exposed to COVID-19, but may not be showing signs of illness.

[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/>
- 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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