



MADISON COUNTY DEPARTMENT *of* HEALTH

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Madison County Seeing an Uptick in Cases, Urging Community to Stay Vigilant

Wampsville, NY – Madison County Health Department (MCDOH) would like to reiterate the importance of the social distancing, wearing a facemask, and practicing good hygiene. Recently we have seen an uptick in cases in the County and we do not want to see those numbers continue to climb.

Currently Madison County has 24 active cases, 11 of those are associated with the colleges but the rest are other members of our community. The positivity rate for the month of October is currently at 0.8% compared to 0.4% for the month of September, and 0.5% in July and August. In September, Madison County had 35 positive cases overall, as of today we have already reached 29 new cases for the month of October.

An uptick is expected with the weather cooling down, more people back to work, and our children back at school. However, we have to remain vigilant. Everyone needs to be responsible and remember to wear a facemask when you cannot maintain a proper social distance, and please wash your hands frequently. Another good idea is to keep the group of people you do interact with small. And if you do not feel good please stay home. Even if you think it is just a cold or seasonal allergies, please remain home. It is better to be extra cautious at this time.

“This is a reminder that we all have a part to play in keeping our community safe,” said Public Health Director Eric Faisst. “The best way to combat this is by continuing to be cautious. Do not gather in large groups, wear a face covering when you are unable to maintain social distancing, and please practice good hygiene. We must continue to be smart about the spread of this virus.”

Another thing to remember is to continue to limit your travel. Do not visit other states if you do not have to travel. We have been seeing cases where individuals come back and they were in contact with someone who had COVID-19 while they were away. This is important to remember with the holidays coming up. We want to make sure everyone is safe. We all would like to be with our families during this time, but we ask that you try to make different plans or keep your gathering limited.

Madison County partners with SUNY Upstate to hold COVID-19 diagnostic mobile testing clinics, the next test date is October 22, 2020 in Cazenovia and another is scheduled for October 29, 2020 in Wampsville. Testing is available to anyone interested at no cost to the patient, however they are by appointment only. Anyone who would like to be tested should call 315-464-2582 select option 0 to set up an appointment.

Thursday, October 22, 2020

Location: Cazenovia Library, Lower Back Parking Lot, Riverside Drive (off Mill Street)

Time: 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM



Thursday, October 29, 2020

Location: 138 North Court Street, Madison County Complex Parking Lot

Time: 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM

If you begin to exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 please stay home and contact your doctor for guidance on testing. Those symptoms include fever, cough, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, and/or difficulty breathing. In the event of an emergency, please call 911.

For more information please visit <https://www.madisoncounty.ny.gov/2479/Coronavirus-COVID-19>.

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