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## County Executive announces one new confirmed positive case of COVID-19 in Erie County

*Masks to be worn outside of the home*

Erie, PA – County Executive Kathy Dahlkemper today announced one new confirmed positive case of COVID-19 has been reported in Erie County, and a total of 573 negatives. The total positive cases of COVID-19 in Erie County to date is 20.

The individual is in their 40s and investigations continue. Overall contact tracing by Erie County Department of Health continues on all open cases.

The state of Pennsylvania has seen 1,597 new cases and 34 more deaths in the past 24 hours.

Yesterday, Governor Tom Wolf announced that everyone in Pennsylvania should wear a mask if they have to leave their homes for any reason.

Secretary of Health Rachel Levine said, “Your mask protects me from exposure and my mask protects you.”

Different types of masks are available, and the public should be aware of which ones are appropriate to wear. This information is available under “Resources” on the COVID-19 page of [eriecountypa.gov](http://eriecountypa.gov).

“Thank you to everyone in Erie County who is following the guidelines, staying at home, keeping physical distances from one another, and practicing good personal hygiene,” Dahlkemper said. “Adding this extra step of wearing a mask can help us stay ahead of the spread of COVID-19 in Erie County.”

Next week is Public Health Week. The public is encouraged to show their appreciation for Erie County Department of Health’s practitioners, nurses, call takers, doctors and environmental health service workers by writing an email of thanks to [ecdhinfo@eriecountypa.gov](mailto:ecdhinfo@eriecountypa.gov), or sending a note in the mail, addressed to 606 W. Second St., Erie, PA 16507.

April is County Government Month. Follow [eriecountypa.gov](http://eriecountypa.gov) and the social media accounts for Erie County, Pa., and Erie County Department of Health for more information throughout the month.

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