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Erie County reports 16 new positive cases of COVID-19 for cumulative total of 1,245

Erie, PA – County Executive Kathy Dahlkemper and Erie County Department of Health announce 16 new positive cases of COVID-19 have been reported in Erie County as of 12:01 a.m. on Aug. 19.

The total cumulative cases of COVID-19 in Erie County since March is 1,245, with 245 active cases, 966 recovered cases, 20,933 negatives and 34 deaths reported in NEDSS.

Updated data can be found on the [chart](#) on the “Positive Cases in Erie County” page on [eriecountypa.gov](#).

Of the cumulative cases, 59% are female and 41% are male. The breakdown of cases by race/ethnicity is as follows:

- 58% White residents
- 21% African American/Black residents
- 7% Asian residents
- 2% Other
- 11% Unknown

Eight percent of the cases are Hispanic, of any race; 78% are not Hispanic; and 14% are unknown.

The age breakdown of the cumulative cases looks like this:

- 3% are ages 0-4
- 2% are ages 5-9
- 6% are ages 10-18
- 14% are ages 19-24
- 38% are ages 25-49
- 19% are ages 50-64
- 18% are ages 65 and older

Note: Percent values of each breakdown may not total 100 due to rounding.

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Melissa Lyon, director of the Erie County Department of Health, joined the County Executive today to provide an update on influenza and COVID-19 vaccines. She also mentioned that residents can volunteer for the COVID-19 Prevention Clinical Study at coronaviruspreventionnetwork.org.

Residents are encouraged to visit the "[Community Health Interest](#)" page of eriecountypa.gov to find information on [local testing sites](#), [travel quarantine](#), mask information and more.

Consistent with Wednesday updates, the County Executive reminds everyone to complete the 2020 Census.

Erie County is at 71% completion, and the City of Erie is at 62%. Residents can visit my2020census.gov or call 844-330-2020 to complete the census.

All questions related to COVID-19 should be directed to Erie County Department of Health at 814-451-6700 or ecdinfo@eriecountypa.gov.

For more information related to COVID-19 including fact sheets, business resources, family resources, videos, translations, guidance and more, visit eriecountypa.gov and the social media accounts for [Erie County, Pa.](#), and [Erie County Department of Health](#).

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