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Erie County reports 8 new positive cases of COVID-19; cumulative total is 1,313

Erie, PA – County Executive Kathy Dahlkemper and Erie County Department of Health announce eight new positive cases of COVID-19 and three new deaths have been reported in Erie County as of 12:01 a.m. on Aug. 26.

The total cumulative cases of COVID-19 in Erie County since March is 1,313, with 171 active cases, 1,101 recovered cases, 22,201 negatives and 41 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
- 8% Asian residents
- 3% Other
- 11% Unknown

Seven percent of the cases are Hispanic, of any race; 79% 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
- 19% are ages 65 and older

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

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Beginning this week, death demographics in Erie County will be reported monthly. Here is the breakdown to date:

Age groups

- 25-49 = 2%
- 50-64 = 2%
- 65 and older = 96%

Gender

- Male = 42%
- Female = 58%

Long-term care facilities

- Yes = 80%
- No = 20%

Note: Race demographics for deaths are not available because 40% of the cases are unknown.

Melissa Lyon, director of the Erie County Department of Health, joined the County Executive today to provide an update on contact tracing and how to verify if it is a legitimate call.

Also participating in today's press briefing were Dr. Ralph Ford, chancellor of Penn State Erie, The Behrend College; Dr. Guiyou Huang, president of Edinboro University; and Dr. Michael T. Victor, president of Mercyhurst University. Each provided updates on how COVID-19 is affecting operations – precautions being taken, good results, challenges, etc. – at their institutions.

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

Erie County is at 72% completion, and the City of Erie is at 63%. Residents can visit my2020census.gov or call 844-330-2020 to complete the census.

Census takers and volunteers will be at Perry Square this Friday and Sunday from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.; and additionally on Friday at Corry's Farmers Market, weather permitting.

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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