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Erie County reports 42 new positive cases of COVID-19; cumulative total is 1,025

Erie, PA – County Executive Kathy Dahlkemper and Erie County Department of Health announce 42 new positive cases of COVID-19 and two more deaths have been reported in Erie County as of 12:01 a.m. on Aug. 4.

The total cumulative cases of COVID-19 in Erie County is 1,025, with 794 recovered cases, 206 active cases, 17,966 negatives and 25 deaths.

"The 42 new cases are concerning," said Melissa Lyon, director of the Erie County Department of Health. "This demonstrates that the virus is clearly circulating in the community. Half of today's numbers are related to long-term care facility testing for outbreak mitigation. Eighteen of the new cases are connected to known positives; this indicates that disease is being rapidly identified by the Erie County Department of Health disease investigators and contact tracers."

This information can be found on the chart on the "Positive Cases in Erie County" page at eriecountypa.gov.

"As you can see, this pandemic isn't over," Dahlkemper said. "These numbers indicate the need for more testing and quicker turnaround time on results. One thing you can do right now – in addition to keeping a 6-foot distance from others, washing your hands frequently, and wearing a mask – is to not put yourself in unsafe situations where people are not adhering to guidelines."

The next press briefing will take place Wednesday, Aug. 5, at 3 p.m.

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

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