

# MEDIA RELEASE

ERIE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH



**Public Health**  
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** October 23, 2020

**MEDIA CONTACT:**

Melissa J. Dixon  
mdixon@eriecountypa.gov

**COUNTY OF ERIE**  
OFFICE OF THE  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

## Erie County reports 36 new positive cases of COVID-19; cumulative total is 1,962

Erie, PA – County Executive Kathy Dahlkemper and Erie County Department of Health announce 36 new positive cases of COVID-19 have been reported in Erie County as of 11:59 p.m. on Oct. 22.

The total cumulative cases of COVID-19 in Erie County is 1,962, with 1,778 recovered cases, 130 active cases and 54 deaths (reported in NEDSS).

This information can be found on the [chart](#) on the “Positive Cases in Erie County” page at [eriecountypa.gov](http://eriecountypa.gov).

“It is always concerning when the case count exceeds 20 cases per day,” said Melissa Lyon, director of the Erie County Department of Health. “There are no obvious trends, clusters or outbreaks associated with today’s cases. However, it is very important to remind people that when they are not feeling well – even with minor symptoms – they should consider getting a COVID-19 test, and self-isolate away from family, friends and coworkers until test results are received. This will help prevent the unnecessary spread of COVID-19 virus in the community. Please be diligent with mask use when you are with people who do not live in your household. Also, people should continue to minimize their social interactions with large groups or people who do not live in their home. Again, this will help prevent the spread of the disease in the community.”

The next press briefing will take place Wednesday, Oct. 28, at 3 p.m.

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

###