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Erie County reports 21 new positive cases of COVID-19; cumulative total is 1,694

Erie, PA – County Executive Kathy Dahlkemper and Erie County Department of Health announce 21 new positive cases of COVID-19 have been reported in Erie County as of 11:59 p.m. on Oct. 6.

The total cumulative cases of COVID-19 in Erie County since March is 1,694, with 147 active cases, 1,495 recovered cases, 29,343 negatives and 52 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, 56% are female and 44% are male.

The breakdown of cumulative cases by race/ethnicity is as follows:

- 65% White residents
- 19% African American/Black residents
- 7% Asian residents
- 2% Other
- 7% Unknown

Six percent of the cases are Hispanic, of any race; 83% are not Hispanic; and 11% are unknown.

The age breakdown of the cumulative cases looks like this:

- 3% are ages 0-4
- 2% are ages 5-9
- 8% are ages 10-18
- 18% are ages 19-24
- 35% are ages 25-49
- 19% are ages 50-64
- 17% are ages 65 and older

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

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In the last week alone, 28% of the cases are ages 19-24.

“The highest percentage of cases in the past week is among college-age groups,” said Dahlkemper. “I urge all young people to keep in mind that although they may not get severely ill, they can pass it to family and friends – grandparents, aunts and uncles who may be compromised. We’ve seen it already in our community where older adults were exposed and contracted COVID-19 through contact with young family members. Please be responsible and be mindful of your loved ones.”

The [age, race and gender report](#), a [seven-day daily case count breakdown and zone map data](#), the [map](#) of cumulative cases by zone, and an explanation of [COVID-19 and our wastewater](#) can be found on eriecountypa.gov. (Refresh each page to see most recent update.)

Charlotte Berringer, director of community health services at the Erie County Department of Health, joined the County Executive today to provide an update on contact tracing.

Jon McEnroe, Erie County Safety/Training Coordinator, currently assigned as the school liaison for Erie County’s COVID-19 response, also joined her today to share an update on the health department’s partnership with local schools.

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

Erie County is at 73% completion, and the City of Erie is at 65%. Residents can visit my2020census.gov or call 844-330-2020 to complete the census. Completing the census is fast, safe and easy, and the deadline has been extended to Oct. 31.

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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