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Erie County reports 178 new positive cases of COVID-19; cumulative total is 10,509; 4 additional deaths

Erie, PA – County Executive Kathy Dahlkemper and Erie County Department of Health announce 178 new positive cases of COVID-19 and four additional deaths have been reported in Erie County as of 11:59 p.m. on Dec. 22.

The total cumulative cases of COVID-19 in Erie County since March is 10,509, with 48,796 negatives and 215 total deaths reported in NEDSS. Updated data can be found on the [chart](#) on the “Positive Cases in Erie County” page on [eriecountypa.gov](#). As of this morning, there were 141 total hospitalizations and 16 people on ventilators in Erie County.

Of the cumulative cases, 55% are female and 45% are male.

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

- 50% White residents
- 8% African American/Black residents
- 3% Asian residents
- 1% Other
- 38% Unknown

Three percent of the cases are Hispanic, of any race; 40% are not Hispanic; and 58% are unknown.

The age breakdown of the cumulative cases looks like this:

- 1% are ages 0-4
- 1% are ages 5-9
- 7% are ages 10-18
- 13% are ages 19-24
- 36% are ages 25-49
- 21% are ages 50-64
- 20% are ages 65 and older

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

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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 the [wastewater report](#) can be found on eriecountypa.gov. (Refresh each page to see most recent update.)

All residents are reminded to wear a mask over their nose and mouth when near anyone who does not live inside their home, keep a 6-foot distance from others, stay home as much as possible – and definitely when feeling ill, wash hands frequently, and limit activities outside of their homes.

The next press briefing will take place Wednesday, Jan. 6, at 3 p.m.

Residents are encouraged to take the safe choices pledge at eriecountypa.gov.

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

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