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## **Erie County reports 147 new positive cases of COVID-19; cumulative total is 13,609; 8 additional deaths**

Erie, PA – County Executive Kathy Dahlkemper and Erie County Department of Health announce 147 new positive cases of COVID-19 and eight additional deaths have been reported in Erie County as of 11:59 p.m. on Jan. 12.

The total cumulative cases of COVID-19 in Erie County since March is 13,609, with 319 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 73 total hospitalizations and nine people on ventilators in Erie County.

Of the cumulative cases, 54% are female and 45% are male.

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

- 50% White residents
- 7% African American/Black residents
- 3% Asian residents
- 1% Other
- 39% Unknown

Three percent of the cases are Hispanic, of any race; 36% are not Hispanic; and 61% 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
- 12% are ages 19-24
- 37% are ages 25-49
- 22% 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](http://eriecountypa.gov). (Refresh each page to see most recent update.)

Local hospital partners shared updates on the COVID-19 vaccine in Erie County, and Brad Whitman, executive director of the Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit, shared an update on blended learning during today's press briefing.

Hospital partners included:

- Christopher C. Clark, DO, MHA, President and CEO of AHN Saint Vincent Hospital
- David P. Gibbons, MHA, RN, President of UPMC Hamot
- John Gennaro, Director of Erie VA Medical Center
- Marcus C. Babiak, Pharmacy Director of Millcreek Community Hospital
- Barbara D. Nichols, President and CEO of Corry Memorial Hospital

More vaccine information can be found on the websites for the [Pennsylvania Department of Health](#) and the [CDC](#).

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. 20, at 3 p.m.

Residents are encouraged to take the safe choices pledge at [eriecountypa.gov](http://eriecountypa.gov).

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

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