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Erie County reports 23 new positive cases of COVID-19; cumulative total is 16,220; 5 additional deaths

Erie, PA – County Executive Kathy Dahlkemper and Erie County Department of Health announce 23 new positive cases of COVID-19 and five additional deaths have been reported in Erie County as of 11:59 p.m. on Feb. 9.

The total cumulative cases of COVID-19 in Erie County since March is 16,220, with 413 total 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, 53% are female and 47% are male. The breakdown of cumulative cases by race/ethnicity is as follows:

- 51% White residents
- 7% African American/Black residents
- 2% Asian residents
- 1% Other
- 38% Unknown

Three percent of the cases are Hispanic, of any race; 35% are not Hispanic; and 62% are unknown.

The age breakdown of the cumulative cases looks like this:

- 1% are ages 0-4
- 1% are ages 5-9
- 8% are ages 10-18
- 12% are ages 19-24
- 38% are ages 25-49
- 22% are ages 50-64
- 19% are ages 65 and older

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

As of this morning, there were 40 total COVID-19 hospitalizations with three people on ventilators in Erie County.

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Melissa Lyon, director of the Erie County Department of Health, shared updates on isolation and quarantine, as well as testing during today's COVID-19 press briefing. Dr. Andrea T. Jeffress also shared an update on the efforts taking place at the community centers.

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, Feb. 17, 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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