

# MEDIA RELEASE

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## **Erie County reports 27 new positive cases of COVID-19; cumulative total is 18,401; 1 additional death**

Erie, PA – County Executive Kathy Dahlkemper and Erie County Department of Health announce 27 new positive cases of COVID-19 and one additional death have been reported in Erie County as of 11:59 p.m. on March 23.

The total cumulative cases of COVID-19 in Erie County since March 2020 is 18,401, with 449 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, 52% are female and 48% are male. The breakdown of cumulative cases by race/ethnicity is as follows:

- 53% White residents
- 7% African American/Black residents
- 2% Asian residents
- 1% Other
- 36% Unknown

Three percent of the cases are Hispanic, of any race; 38% are not Hispanic; and 60% are unknown.

The age breakdown of the cumulative cases looks like this:

- 1% are ages 0-4
- 2% are ages 5-9
- 8% are ages 10-18
- 12% are ages 19-24
- 38% are ages 25-49
- 21% are ages 50-64
- 18% are ages 65 and older

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

As of this morning, there were 16 total COVID-19 hospitalizations with three people on ventilators in Erie County.

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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.)

Dr. Howard A. Nadworny, infectious diseases physician and a consultant to the Erie County Department of Health, provided an update on the new variant at today's press briefing.

Watch today's press briefing [here](#).

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, March 31, at 3 p.m.

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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