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## **Erie County reports 43 new positive cases of COVID-19; cumulative total is 18,684**

Erie, PA – County Executive Kathy Dahlkemper and Erie County Department of Health announce 43 new positive cases of COVID-19 have been reported in Erie County as of 11:59 p.m. on March 30.

The total cumulative cases of COVID-19 in Erie County since March 2020 is 18,684, with 452 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:

- 54% 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 59% 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 19 total COVID-19 hospitalizations with four people on ventilators in Erie County.

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Charlotte Berringer, director of community health services at the Erie County Department of Health, provided updates on the new variant and the vaccine schedule at today's press briefing.

Charles Barber, CEO of Erie County Care Management, also shared an update on the Emergency Rental Assistance Program at today's 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, April 7, at 3 p.m.

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

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