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Erie County reports 6 new positive cases of COVID-19

Erie, PA — County Executive Kathy Dahlkemper and Erie County Department of Health announce six new positive cases of COVID-19 reported in Erie County as of 11:59 p.m. on July 18.

The total cumulative cases of COVID-19 in Erie County since March 2020 is 21,279 with 477 deaths reported in the National Electronic Disease Surveillance System. This information can be found at eriecountypa.gov.

The public is encouraged to be respectful of the personal masking decisions of their fellow residents and of the masking requirements of businesses and other venues. Wearing masks help reduce the spread of infectious respiratory illnesses such as COVID-19.

Severe effects of COVID-19 may require hospitalization and may cause death. Long-term effects of COVID-19 can continue for months after being infected and can include difficulty breathing, chest or stomach pain, headache, diarrhea and sleep problems.

All unvaccinated residents are encouraged to get vaccinated for COVID-19 to protect their health. Vaccines for COVID-19 are available for free for residents of Erie County ages 12 years and older. Finding vaccines in nearby locations can be done by:

- texting your ZIP Code to 438829
- visiting vaccines.gov
- calling 1-800-232-0233

A mobile vaccination clinic organized by the Erie County Department of Health is available for free to the residents of Erie County. No insurance is needed and walk-ups are welcome:

- Wednesday, July 21: 9 to 11 a.m. at the Erie County Courthouse, 140 West Sixth St., Erie

The public is reminded that unvaccinated community members risk contracting COVID-19 and, if positive for it and even without exhibiting symptoms, can infect their less healthy and under-immunized loved ones.

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Unvaccinated community members are encouraged to get tested for COVID-19 if exposed to anyone who is positive for COVID-19 or if exhibiting its symptoms such as coughing, difficulty breathing, fever or chills, muscle or body aches, vomiting or diarrhea, or loss of taste or smell.

Testing results can help determine appropriate care and treatment if needed. No insurance is needed and walk-ups are welcome at free testing clinics organized by the Erie County Department of Health:

- Monday, July 19: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Walmart Corry, 961 E. Columbus Ave, Corry
- Thursday, July 22: 4 to 8 p.m. at Albion Area Public Library, 111 East Pearl St., Albion

The clinic scheduled for Saturday, July 24 at Saint John the Evangelist Parish Banquet & Conference Center is canceled.

All unvaccinated residents are encouraged to wear a mask indoors and outdoors that covers their nose and mouth when near anyone who does not live inside their home, keep a six-foot distance from others, stay home when feeling ill, wash hands frequently, and limit activities outside of their homes.

The community is reminded that public health measures such as isolation and quarantine are necessary to prevent the spread of infectious diseases. Individuals who are identified as close contacts of a person with COVID-19 are asked to cooperate with all public health recommendations, including quarantine, so that if they become infected, they will not spread infection to others.

Questions related to COVID-19 may be directed to Erie County Department of Health at 814-451-6700 or ecdhinfo@eriecountypa.gov.

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