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## Erie County reports 172 new cases of COVID-19

Erie, PA — County Executive Kathy Dahlkemper and Erie County Department of Health announce 172 new cases of COVID-19 in Erie County reported as of 11:59 on Nov. 3, bringing the cumulative case count to 30,259. The total deaths due to COVID-19 since March 2020 is 542.

[Information](#) on cases in Erie County and other data such as reports on vaccination demographics can be found at [eriecountypa.gov/covid-19](http://eriecountypa.gov/covid-19). Related data is also available at the Pennsylvania Department of Health website [health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Cases.aspx](http://health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Cases.aspx).

### Benefit of vaccination

The benefit of vaccination is that it helps the body prevent severe illness and lessens the likelihood of needing hospitalization. Free vaccines are available for residents of Erie County ages 5 years and older. Finding vaccines in nearby locations can be done by:

- texting your ZIP Code to 438829
- visiting [vaccines.gov](http://vaccines.gov)
- calling 1-800-232-0233

A free mobile vaccination clinic organized by the Erie County Department of Health is available to the residents of Erie County 12 years and older. No insurance is needed and walk-ups are welcome. To request a mobile vaccination clinic for your event or location, please email [covidresponse@eriecountypa.gov](mailto:covidresponse@eriecountypa.gov). For schedule of upcoming mobile clinics and other vaccination sites, visit [eriecountypa.gov/covid-19/covid-19-vaccine](http://eriecountypa.gov/covid-19/covid-19-vaccine). Not all locations can offer COVID-19 vaccines to children 5 to 11 years old. Please call ahead to check availability.

### Importance of getting tested

Community members are reminded 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.

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Testing results can help determine appropriate care and treatment if needed. Rapid testing results are available in 15 minutes at free mobile testing clinics organized by the Erie County Department of Health. No insurance is needed and walk-ups are welcome.

- **Monday, Nov. 8, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.** at Greene Township Municipal Building, 9333 Tate Rd., Erie
- **Thursday, Nov. 11, 5 to 8 p.m.** at Saint John the Evangelist Parish Banquet & Conference Center, 1001 Main St. East, Girard

For schedule of upcoming mobile testing clinics and other testing sites, visit [eriecountypa.gov/covid-19/covid-19-testing-information](https://eriecountypa.gov/covid-19/covid-19-testing-information).

### **Masking order**

Erie County currently has a high rate of transmission according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The public is reminded that the CDC guidelines state all people, including those who are fully vaccinated, should wear masks indoors in areas with substantial to high transmission rates of COVID-19. Data on transmission rates can be found at the CDC website [covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view](https://www.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view).

A universal indoor masking order for all public and private pre-schools, primary and secondary schools in Erie County is in effect until further notice. A copy of the order can be found at [eriecountypa.gov/covid-19](https://eriecountypa.gov/covid-19).

Wearing a mask that covers the mouth and nose has been proven to reduce the spread of infectious respiratory illnesses such as COVID-19. Studies on the effects of wearing masks have proved that there is no change in oxygen or carbon dioxide levels when people wear cloth and surgical masks while resting and exercising.

For guidance on preventing the spread of COVID-19 at events and business establishments, contact Erie County Department of Health at [covidresponse@eriecountypa.gov](mailto:covidresponse@eriecountypa.gov). All other questions about COVID-19 can be directed to 814-451-6700 or [ecdhinfo@eriecountypa.gov](mailto:ecdhinfo@eriecountypa.gov).

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