

# MEDIA RELEASE

ERIE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH



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## Erie County Department of Health provides COVID-19 public health update

Erie, PA — Erie County Department of Health provides a public health update on COVID-19 in the county. In the past week, Jan. 24 Monday to 30 Sunday,

- There were **1,746** cases reported, with a daily average of **249** cases.
- There were **21** deaths reported, with dates of deaths from Jan. 2 to 17, 2022, increasing the total deaths to **722**.
- Among the reported 21 deaths, **12** were unvaccinated.

The number of persons vaccinated in that time period was **677**. This increases the total number of persons vaccinated to **177,686** with the following breakdown:

	Number of persons	Of eligible population	Of total population
Partially vaccinated	25,049	9.8%	9.3%
Fully vaccinated	152,637	59.9%	56.6%

As of January 30, the vaccination breakdown in Erie County by age is as follows:

Years old	Percentage vaccinated fully within each age range	Percentage vaccinated partially within each age range
<b>5-9</b>	19.4%	4.7%
<b>10-19</b>	41.5%	6.3%
<b>20-29</b>	52.0%	10.8%
<b>30-39</b>	56.1%	10.5%
<b>40-49</b>	61.4%	9.4%
<b>50-59</b>	69.6%	9.2%
<b>60-69</b>	76.9%	10.6%
<b>70 and older</b>	80.6%	14.7%

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As of Jan. 30, the vaccination status of the reported in deaths in Erie County is as follows:

Vaccination status	Female	Male	Percentage breakdown
Not vaccinated	294	323	85.5%
Partially vaccinated	11	19	4.2%
Fully vaccinated	27	36	8.7%
Additional dose	6	6	1.7%
Sub-total	338	384	
Total	<b>722</b>		

As of Jan. 30, the age breakdown of reported deaths is as follows:

Age range	Deaths			Total
	2020	2021	2022	
0-19	0	1	0	1
20-29	0	3	1	4
30-39	2	4	0	6
40-49	0	14	1	15
50-59	8	34	4	46
60-69	29	83	8	120
70-79	78	106	7	191
80-89	125	82	6	213
90-99	79	40	2	121
100-109	3	2	0	5
Sub-total	324	369	29	
Total	<b>722</b>			

### Benefit of vaccination

Erie County Department of Health highly recommends vaccination and boosters against COVID-19 for all eligible residents of Erie County 5 years and older, including for those who are pregnant or planning on becoming pregnant. The benefit of vaccination is that it helps the body prevent severe illness and lessens the likelihood of needing hospitalization. If having concerns or questions about vaccines, approach healthcare professionals or contact the Erie County Department of Health at 814-451-6700 for facts and answers.

Free vaccines are available for residents of Erie County ages 5 years and older. For list of local vaccination sites, visit [eriecountypa.gov/covid-19/covid-19-vaccine](http://eriecountypa.gov/covid-19/covid-19-vaccine). Call ahead to confirm schedules.

A free mobile **vaccination and booster clinic** organized by the Erie County Department of Health is available. No insurance is needed. For 5 years and older. Indoors. Pfizer-BioNTech and Modern available. Johnson and Johnson available while supplies last.

- **Feb. 5, Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** at Boys and Girls Club of Erie, George J. D'Angelo Clubhouse, 1515 East Lake Rd., Erie

Not all locations can offer COVID-19 vaccines to children 5 to 11 years old. Call ahead to check availability. To find vaccines in other nearby locations

- text ZIP Code to 438829
- visit [vaccines.gov](http://vaccines.gov)
- call 1-800-232-0233

## Importance of testing

Unvaccinated or vaccinated, testing is recommended if exposed to anyone who has COVID-19 or if exhibiting symptoms such as sore throat, 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.

For list of local testing sites, visit [eriecountypa.gov/covid-19/covid-19-testing-information](https://eriecountypa.gov/covid-19/covid-19-testing-information).

A free mobile **rapid antigen testing clinic** organized by the Erie County Department of Health is available.

- **Feb. 3, 10, 17 and 24, Thursdays, 3 to 6 p.m.** at Saint Francis Xavier Catholic Church Gymnasium, 8880 Main St., McKean
- **Feb. 7, 14, 21 and 28, Mondays, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.** at Bayfront Convention Center, 1 Sassafras Pier, Erie

### *Things to know:*

- No insurance is needed. Testing for ages 2 years and older. Indoors.
- Test results will be relayed via phone starting in 3 to 4 hours. An email result will be sent starting the next working day. *Thank you for understanding that this process may take longer depending on number of persons tested at each clinic.*
- The Information Sheet and Consent Form can be downloaded from [eriecountypa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/COVID-Testing-Info-Sheet-and-Consent-Form.pdf](https://eriecountypa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/COVID-Testing-Info-Sheet-and-Consent-Form.pdf), printed and filled out in advance before going to the clinic.

## Preventing spread of COVID-19

To prevent the spread of infection to others, community members should stay home while waiting for test results. Those whose test results are positive, even if they do not have symptoms, should stay home; stay apart from others in their homes and, if possible, use a separate bathroom; inform their close contacts to stay home and get tested. For guidance on quarantine and isolation, call the Erie County Department of Health at 814-451-6700.

Erie County currently has a high rate of transmission, according to the CDC. CDC guidelines recommend all people, including those who are fully vaccinated, should wear masks indoors in areas with substantial to high transmission rates of COVID-19.

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

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