

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. Based on the recently announced [COVID-19 Community Levels](#) guidelines of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Erie County is currently at [medium risk](#).

At this level, recommendations for preventing the spread of COVID-19 include:

- Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines, for 5 years and older, including those who are pregnant and plan on becoming pregnant.
- Anyone may choose to mask at any time, regardless of vaccination status.
- If you are (or live, work or have contact with someone who is) at high risk for severe illness or have a weak immune system, consult your healthcare provider about masking and other precautions.
- Get tested if you have symptoms or have been exposed to COVID-19.
- Wear a mask if you have symptoms, positive test results, or have been exposed to COVID-19.
- Stay home while waiting for test results. If you have positive test results, even if you don't have symptoms, stay home and apart from others in your home and, if possible, use a separate bathroom; inform your close contacts to stay home and get tested.
- Maintain improved ventilation throughout indoor spaces when possible.

The community is invited to contact the Erie County Department of Health for guidance. For details on how to stay up to date on vaccines, isolation and quarantine, preventing spread of COVID-19 in business establishments and events, and other information, contact covidresponse@eriecountypa.gov or 814-451-6700 or fill out the online form at [Eriecountypa.gov/covid-19/](https://eriecountypa.gov/covid-19/).

Benefit of vaccination

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. 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.

- **March 2, Wednesday, 1 to 3 p.m.** at the at Raymond Blasco Memorial Library Branch-Erie County Public Library, 160 E. Front St., Erie
- **March 3, Thursday, 4 to 6 p.m.** at Eastside YMCA, 2101 Nagle Rd., Erie
- **March 5, Saturday, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.** at Boys and Girls Club of Erie, 1515 E. 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](https://www.vaccines.gov)
- call 1-800-232-0233

Importance of testing

Erie County Department of Health recommends community members, vaccinated or unvaccinated, to get tested for COVID-19 if they have been exposed to anyone who has COVID-19 or if they have 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.

Community members using home test kits who have questions or need guidance can call 814-451-6700.

For list of local sites offering free testing, visit eriecountypa.gov/covid-19/covid-19-testing-information.

Cases and data

In the past week, Feb. 21 Monday to 27 Sunday,

- There were **262** cases reported, with a daily average of **37** cases.
- There were **6** deaths reported, with dates of deaths from Jan. 25 to Feb. 20, increasing the total deaths to **772**.
- Among the reported 6 deaths, 2 were unvaccinated.

The number of persons vaccinated in that time period was **333**. This increases the total number of persons vaccinated to **179,397** with the following breakdown:

	Number of persons	Of eligible population	Of total population
Partially vaccinated	24,585	9.7%	9.1%
Fully vaccinated	154,812	60.8%	57.4%

As of Feb. 27, 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
5-9	22.1%	3.2%
10-19	43.0%	5.8%
20-29	53.0%	10.8%
30-39	57.0%	10.4%
40-49	62.1%	9.3%
50-59	70.1%	9.1%
60-69	77.2%	10.5%
70 and older	80.8%	14.8%

As of Feb. 27, the vaccination status of the reported in deaths in Erie County is as follows:

Vaccination status	Female	Male	Percentage breakdown
Not vaccinated	305	338	83.3%
Partially vaccinated	11	21	4.1%
Fully vaccinated	47	50	12.6%
Additional dose	8	8	2.2%
Sub-total	363	409	
Total	772		

As of Feb. 27, the age breakdown of reported deaths is as follows:

Age range	Deaths			
	2020	2021	2022	Total
0-19	0	1	0	1
20-29	0	3	2	5
30-39	2	4	2	8
40-49	0	14	3	17
50-59	8	35	10	53
60-69	29	83	13	125
70-79	78	105	19	202
80-89	125	82	19	226
90-99	79	40	11	130
100-109	3	2	0	5
Sub-total	324	369	79	
Total	772			

Information on cases and deaths in Erie County and other data such as reports on vaccination demographics can be found at the Erie County Government website <https://eriecountypa.gov/covid-19/positive-cases-in-erie-county/>. Latest recommendations and related data is also available at the websites of

- Pennsylvania Department of Health health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Cases.aspx
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) [covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view](https://www.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view)

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