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COVID-19 public health update

Erie, PA — The community is welcome to contact the Erie County Department of Health for guidance on COVID-19. For details on how to stay up to date on vaccines and boosters, how to use self test kits, preventing spread of COVID-19 and other information, contact covidresponse@eriecountypa.gov or 814-451-6700 or fill out the online Community Form at [Eriecountypa.gov/covid-19/](https://eriecountypa.gov/covid-19/).

Cases and data

From May 29 to June 25

- There were **127** cases reported, with a daily average of **5** cases. New case numbers reflect only reported cases and is not a definitive indicator of actual number of cases in Erie County.
- There were **2** deaths reported, with dates of deaths from the last week of May to the second week of June, increasing the total death count in 2023 to **32**.

There were **254** vaccination and booster doses administered. There were also **545** bivalent booster doses administered. This increases the total number of persons vaccinated to **187,108** with the following breakdown:

	Number of persons	Of total population
Partially vaccinated	23,713	8.7%
Fully vaccinated	163,395	60.6%
Received first booster	84,169	31.2%
Received second booster	20,521	7.6%
Received bivalent booster	47,353	18.6%

Among the total reported deaths in 2023 in Erie County, the breakdown by vaccination status and age range is as follows:

Vaccination status among reported 2023 Deaths	Ages 0-49	Ages 50-64	Ages 65 & older	Sub-total	Percentage breakdown
Partially vaccinated and Not vaccinated	0	1	10	11	34.4%
Fully vaccinated - not up to date with primary series or booster	1	1	12	14	43.8%
Fully vaccinated - up to date with primary series	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Fully vaccinated - up to date with booster	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Fully Vaccinated - with bivalent booster	0	0	7	7	21.9%
Total		32		32	100.0%

Related reference at <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#rates-by-vaccine-status>

Information on cases and deaths in Erie County and other data such as vaccination demographics can be found at <https://eriecountypa.gov/covid-19/positive-cases-in-erie-county/>.

Benefit of vaccination and boosters

The benefit of staying up to date with vaccination and boosters, even for those who have had COVID-19, is that it helps the body prevent severe illness and lessens the likelihood of needing hospitalization. Boosters extend the effectiveness of vaccines against COVID-19 and help protect against variants.

For list of local vaccination sites, text ZIP Code to 438829, visit vaccines.gov or call 1-800-232-0233.

Importance of testing

Community members, vaccinated or unvaccinated, are recommended 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, upper respiratory congestion, 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 sites offering free testing, visit testinglocator.cdc.gov.

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