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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 814-451-6700 or covidresponse@eriecountypa.gov.

Cases and data

From July 31 to Aug. 27,

- There were **157** cases reported, with a weekly average of **39** cases. New case numbers reflect only reported cases and is not a definitive indicator of actual number of cases in Erie County.
- There were **0** deaths reported. The total death count in 2023 remains at 33.

There were **60** vaccination and booster doses administered. There were also **175** 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	23,597	8.7%
Fully vaccinated	163,450	60.6%
Received first booster	84,291	31.3%
Received second booster	20,516	7.6%
Received bivalent booster	47,528	18.7%

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

Benefit of vaccination and boosters

The benefit of vaccination and boosters is that, even for those who have had COVID-19, 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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