

JEFFERSON COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

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Five Confirmed Total Cases Recovered Twenty Confirmed Jefferson County Resident COVID-19 Total Cases 75% of Positive Cases Between Ages 20-39

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Five Jefferson County individuals with confirmed cases of COVID-19 have recovered and are discharged from mandatory isolation.

Today, 4 additional cases with positive COVID-19 in Jefferson County were confirmed by LabCorp, Acute Diagnostics, and Roswell Park laboratories. One individual has been placed in mandatory isolation; three will be placed in mandatory isolation pending case investigation. To date, there are 20 confirmed total positive cases; and 480 negative in Jefferson County. With a significant increase in testing over the last two weeks, 4% have been confirmed positive, while 96% have been confirmed negative. With rigorous case investigation completed by the Jefferson County Public Health Service on every positive case, there are no relational or county geographic connections between any of the current positive cases. COVID-19 infection is deemed community wide-spread. No positive cases have been hospitalized to date.

Of all positive cases to date, 75% are among Jefferson County individuals in the age range of 20-39. Given this statistic, **it is crucially important that everyone, including those who are young and feel healthy and well, take these steps to protect our community:**

- **Stay home as much as possible**
- **Keep 6 feet between you and others**
- **Clean and disinfect commonly touched surfaces regularly**
- **Wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds, often**
- **Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands**
- **Stay home if you are sick**

Under current New York State Department of Health COVID-19 testing guidance, health care providers are now able to conduct COVID-19 testing without authorization from county health departments. The Jefferson County Public Health Service is working closely with providers to manage patients tested and determine which patients require precautionary quarantine until test results are confirmed. Currently, there are 124 individuals in Jefferson County under precautionary quarantine.

The Jefferson County Public Health Service continues to work closely with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) about testing protocols related to disease transmission. Travel history is still a consideration, along with presentation of specific symptoms.

To date, there are 102,863 positive COVID-19 cases in New York State, with the vast majority of cases in New York City. Local health departments are actively monitoring suspected and positive cases throughout New York State.

All county health departments are in daily communication with NYSDOH communicable disease leadership to track and monitor exposure potential and possible disease transmission and occurrence in New York State.

Please visit www.jcphs.org to receive the most current, up-to-date information.

Additionally, the Jefferson County Public Health Service asks that those coming back to Jefferson County to please use caution, and that these steps be taken to practice social distancing and help protect the community:

- Stay home and avoid contact with others for 14 days
- Monitor your health for fever, cough, or trouble breathing
- Do not take public transportation, taxis, or ride-shares during the time you are practicing social distancing
- Keep your distance from others (about 6 feet or 2 meters)

The Jefferson County Public Health Service will continue to update the public regarding disease risk and status.

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