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Delaware County Public Health received one positive lab report for COVID-19.

Thank you to everyone to help bring the number of cases down through vigilant and consistent prevention efforts. These prevention efforts will need to be continued and maintained to move through the reopening phases safely.

Social distancing remains in place by executive order. For more information about the regional reopening for businesses go to <https://forward.ny.gov/> , <http://www.co.delaware.ny.us/wordpress/> and <https://dcecodev.com/>

COVID-19 is in the area, everyone should limit close contact with individuals outside your household in indoor and outdoor spaces. Since people can spread the virus before they know they are sick, it is important to stay away from others when possible, even if you have no symptoms. Stay at least 6 feet from other people; do not gather in groups; and stay out of crowded places and avoid mass gatherings.

We can all work together to flatten the curve.

Totals:

Positive Results: 65

Discharged(recovered): 52

Isolating at Home: 6

Hospitalized: 3

Deceased: 4

Mandatory Quarantine: 4

Precautionary Quarantine: 2

Tested: 1354

Negative: 1255

Pending: 15

Public Health will no longer be reporting lab reports transferred

Delaware County Public Health Services in partnership with the NYSDOH, local hospitals and healthcare providers is actively investigating these cases and providing guidance on reducing the spread (i.e., quarantine, cleaning and other recommendations) as appropriate.

If you have any of the COVID-19 symptoms (cough, fever, trouble breathing or pneumonia) talk to your primary health care provider. Do not come to the emergency room unless there is a pressing emergency.

Help Flatten the Curve:

- Practice Social Distancing. Even if you feel well, stay at home as much as possible. In public, keep at least 6 feet distance from others. Avoid unnecessary appointments.
- Wash Your Hands. Cover Your Cough. Cover your cough and sneezes. Use your elbow or a tissue. Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Wear cloth face coverings when in you are in public and are:
 - within six feet of distance from other individuals; or
 - in a situation or setting where they are unable to maintain six feet of distance from other individuals; or
 - in a public or private transportation carrier or for-hire vehicle.
 - https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2020/04/doh_covid19_eo20217-20218publicfacecovering_041720.pdf
- Take Caution with At-Risk Persons. Avoid visiting those most at risk (elderly and people with underlying health conditions), call instead. Offer help with groceries and other goods to pick up and drop off without face-to-face contact.

NYS COVID-19 Emotional Support Helpline at 844-863-9314 is staffed 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., 7 days a week.

****Important: confirmed cases does not mean the total number of cases. Since access to testing is extremely limited, the number of confirmed cases does not reflect the current spread of COVID-19. Releasing the town where the positive lives does not ensure your protection or decrease your exposure risk to COVID-19. With this in mind, we strongly recommend everyone to continue social distancing to reduce the potential spread of COVID-19.**

For information about COVID-19 you can visit

<http://delawarecountypublichealth.com/> , <http://www.co.delaware.ny.us/wordpress/>,
and <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/home> <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/index.html>; <https://forward.ny.gov/>