

## **UPDATE: COVID-19 Information for Saratoga County**

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Ballston Spa, NY — The Saratoga County Department of Public Health Services today announced that there are 259 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Saratoga County and 11 of those individuals are hospitalized at this time. The Department also confirmed the county's eighth and ninth deaths from COVID-19 — a 61-year-old male from Clifton Park and a 77-year-old male from Mechanicville.

#### The importance of masks and how to make your own

Earlier this week, Governor Cuomo released a new Executive Order declaring that anyone who is out in public must wear a mask if social distancing is not possible.

That being said, the Department of Public Health Services is aware of mask shortages. The CDC has a helpful resource on its website outlining how to wear a mask and instructions on how to make a homemade mask. That link can be accessed [here](#). Individuals should be careful not to touch their eyes, nose and mouth when removing their face covering and wash hands immediately after removing. Be sure to wash your homemade mask often.