

## UPDATE: COVID-19 Information for Saratoga County May 1, 2020

Ballston Spa, NY — The Saratoga County Department of Public Health Services today announced that there are 355 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Saratoga County and 11 of those individuals are hospitalized at this time.

### New Data Dashboard Unveiled

The Saratoga County Department of Public Health Services has unveiled a new data dashboard that will be updated each weekday with the most current information on COVID-19 cases in the county. The data available includes:

- A breakdown of cases and quarantines
- Hospitalizations and deaths
- Total positive cases by municipality
- Graphs on daily and total confirmed cases

A link to the data dashboard can be found at the top of the Saratoga County Department of Public Health Services' COVID-19 website, located [here](#).

### How do you protect yourself?

As a simple reminder, scientific evidence shared by the Center for Disease Control and the World Health Organization remains the same; the best ways to protect yourself and others from this virus is to make sure you do not inhale the virus or contract it from any surface.

Some tips are as follows:

- Do not stand too close to someone who could share the virus by talking, sneezing or coughing within your personal space of six feet.
- Do not touch your face and transfer the virus to your mouth, nose or eyes. Wearing a mask can provide some protection, but the spatial distance is key.
- Disinfect surfaces frequently that are touched by others.
- If you wear gloves when at the gas pump or in a store, be sure to remove them before you get back in your car and use hand sanitizer.
- Wash your cloth face mask and gloves frequently.

### Facebook Live event

Officials from Saratoga County and community partners hosted a **Facebook Live event** earlier this week to answer questions from residents related to COVID-19. The hour-long event was hosted on the Saratoga County Office of Emergency Services Facebook page and featured:

- Peter P. Bardunias, Senior Vice President, Community Advancement, Capital Region Chamber
- Ken Slentz, Superintendent, Ballston Spa Central School District
- Sandra M. Cross, Director, Saratoga County Office for the Aging
- Todd Shimkus, President, Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce

Community members can re-watch the video [here](#).