

UPDATE: COVID-19 Information for Saratoga County May 2, 2020

Ballston Spa, NY — The Saratoga County Department of Public Health Services today announced that there are 358 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Saratoga County and 10 of those individuals are hospitalized at this time.

COVID-19 is widespread

As you may have seen, the Saratoga County Department of Public Health Services has posted data in a more comprehensive way on its website, including breakdowns of positive cases by municipality.

It is important to note that there may be a false sense of security when looking at these numbers by municipality. It is clear that the COVID-19 virus is widespread throughout our county, and the numbers are deceiving due to the lack of testing.

There is no way to capture the individuals who have the virus and do not show any signs or symptoms. An asymptomatic person can still spread the virus to others. It is especially important to continue to wear a face covering when out in public and keep greater than six feet from one another. As always, clean and disinfect common surfaces, wash your hands and use hand sanitizer frequently.

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.