

## **UPDATE: COVID-19 Information for Saratoga County May 5, 2020**

Ballston Spa, NY — The Saratoga County Department of Public Health Services today announced that there are 364 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Saratoga County and 10 of those individuals are hospitalized at this time.

### Facebook Live event

Officials from Saratoga County and community partners will be hosting a **Facebook Live event on Wednesday, May 6, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.** to answer questions from residents related to COVID-19. The hour-long event will be hosted on the Saratoga County Office of Emergency Services Facebook page and feature:

- Frank McClement – Director of Veterans Service Agency
- John Stewart – COVID-19 survivor, Saratoga Springs Firefighter and Office of Emergency Services Deputy EMS Coordinator
- Dr. Oliver Robinson – Superintendent of Shenendehowa Central School District
- Gregory Connors – U.S. Government Affairs at GlobalFoundries

Community members can submit questions in advance or view the stream [here](#).

### Data Dashboard

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](#).

### Testing

New York State Department of Health has opened up diagnostic and/or serological testing for individuals who are employed as a healthcare worker, first responder or other essential worker who directly interacts with the public while on the job. Testing must be authorized by a healthcare provider. Saratoga Hospital drive-thru and the Capital District Mobile Testing Center at SUNY Albany (Colonial Quad) are available by appointment only.

### 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.