

UPDATE: COVID-19 Information for Saratoga County May 7, 2020

Ballston Spa, NY — The Saratoga County Department of Public Health Services today announced that there are 370 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Saratoga County and 8 of those individuals are hospitalized at this time.

Data Dashboard enhanced

The dashboard now includes more comprehensive information and charts on positive 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](#).

Mask and hand sanitizer distribution

The Office of Emergency Services has set up four distribution sites for reusable masks and hand sanitizer. This will take place at **10:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 7** and last until supplies run out. Provided by the New York State Stockpile, masks and hand sanitizer will be given out based the number of individuals in each vehicle. The locations are:

- Moreau – Moreau Town Hall, 351 Reynolds Road
- Wilton – Gavin Park, 10 Lewis Road
- Mechanicville – O'Reilly Auto Parts, 80 N. Central Avenue
- Clifton Park – Clifton Park Senior Community Center, 6 Clifton Common Boulevard

Efforts to reopen

The state has released its plan for reopening. It includes metrics that regions must meet before reopening can begin. The metrics can be found [here](#).

Saratoga County is taking action to address the Governor's phased plan to reopen New York. We have established a task force to increase testing within our county, acquire an appropriate level of contact tracers and collaborate with the seven other Capital Region counties. The Capital Region will be working towards the common goal of meeting the Governor's criteria for allowing businesses to open up; however, it is important to note that we have not met the CDC recommendation at this time to start phase one, which states that once a region experiences a 14 -day decline in the hospitalization rate, they can begin a phased reopening.

Facebook Live event earlier this week

Officials from Saratoga County and community partners hosted a **Facebook Live event earlier this week at 10:00 a.m.** 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:

- 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 re-watch the stream [here](#).