

UPDATE: COVID-19 Information for Saratoga County May 12, 2020

Ballston Spa, NY — The Saratoga County Department of Public Health Services today announced that there are 401 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Saratoga County. Eight 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 13, 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:

- Nash Alexander – Chief Operations Officer, Wilton Emergency Corp.
- Peter P. Bardunias – Senior Vice President, Community Advancement, Capital Region Chamber
- Penelope Heritage – Director, Saratoga County Animal Shelter
- Cathleen Medick, RN, BSN – Director of Patient Services, Saratoga County
- Kristine Orr – Superintendent, South Glens Falls Central School District
- Todd Shimkus – President, Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce

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

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 stressing that businesses cannot reopen until an Executive Order from the Governor allows it.

The County continues to take action to address the Governor's plan to reopen New York, working with the other counties in the region to reach the metrics. Once the reopening begins, it will take place in phases, and not all businesses will be allowed to reopen right away. The phases are outlined [here](#).

Data Dashboard enhanced

The dashboard now includes more comprehensive information and charts on positive cases. A link to the data dashboard, which is updated on weekdays, can be found at the top of the Saratoga County Department of Public Health Services' COVID-19 website, located [here](#).