

UPDATE: COVID-19 Information for Saratoga County May 24, 2020

Ballston Spa, NY — The Saratoga County Department of Public Health Services today announced the most current stats* on COVID-19 in Saratoga County.

- Confirmed cases of COVID-19: 458
- Deaths: 15
- Hospitalizations: 4

*Please note that we are not able to provide updates on active cases, recovered cases and total tests during the holiday weekend. Those numbers will be updated on Tuesday.

Handwashing

As time goes on, it is important to continue practicing good handwashing. The CDC has always recommended washing your hands during your normal routine — before preparing food or eating, and after using the bathroom, coughing or sneezing. Now it is recommended that you also wash your hands after you have been in public places and touched items and surfaces, such as door handles, gas pumps, shopping carts and more. Learn more about handwashing by visiting the [CDC here](#).

When washing your hands, it is important that you use soap and water and scrub your hands for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol is recommended.

Memorial Day Weekend

As we all head outside to enjoy and celebrate Memorial Day Weekend, there are a few important things to remember. It is still recommended that you maintain social distance and wear a mask or face covering while in shared public spaces (less than 6 feet apart).

Here are a few different ways you can celebrate safely:

- Get Outdoors – Go for a hike, bike, walk or have a picnic with your household while still maintaining social distance from others
- Game Night – Take on a puzzle or pull out a board game.
- Drive-in Movies – Local drive-in movie theaters have opened with some new rules. Be sure to visit their websites for more information before attending.

- Outdoor Cookout – Order from your favorite restaurant or start up the grill and have a family barbeque at home with the members of your household.
- Driveway Chalk Art – Thank our veterans and honor Memorial Day by making patriotic driveway chalk art for everyone to see on their walks.

Remember to be safe, maintain social distance and help protect all of our loved ones this holiday weekend.