

UPDATE: COVID-19 Information for Saratoga County

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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: 464
- Deaths: 15
- Recovered cases: 403
- Active cases: 47
- Hospitalizations: 5
- Total tested: 10,049

*Please note that the deaths, recovered cases and active cases, when added together, do not equal the total number of confirmed cases. That is because one of the previously reported deaths happened out of the state but was never counted as a confirmed case within the county.

Facebook Live event

Officials from Saratoga County and community partners hosted a **Facebook Live event** today 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:

- Peter P. Bardunias – Senior Vice President, Community Advancement, Capital Region Chamber
- Shelby Schneider – President & CEO, Saratoga County Prosperity Partnership
- Todd Shimkus – President, Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce

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

Office of Emergency Services Commissioner honored

Congratulations to Office of Emergency Services Commissioner Carl Zeilman for receiving an EMS Leadership Award from the New York State Department of Health during National EMS Week 2020. Zeilman has worked tirelessly, often in the background, supporting Emergency Medical Services. His efforts improving the radio system, encouraging innovation, creating relationships between legislators and EMS leaders and communicating with EMS have been outstanding and a huge asset to the County as we navigate this pandemic.

Reopening plans and procedures

As Phase One begins our reopening in the Capital Region and across New York State, there are key elements to keep in mind. Proceed with caution, reason and patience.

In order to best ensure a safe and sustainable reopening, Saratoga County Public Health recommends the following elements be part of any reopening strategy:

- All large gathering limitations should be maintained as far as possible into the latter part of the year to avoid super-spreader events and to provide time to evaluate appropriate density limitations to reduce the risk of disease.
- Social distancing and disinfection must continue to be practiced on an ongoing basis. Businesses should share their creative solutions and best practices that they employ to protect their employees, customers and the public.
- Saratoga County Public Health will continue, and expand as necessary, our contact tracing and targeted isolation and quarantine efforts to minimize the spread.
- All reopening activities should be coordinated between local, state and regional governments, while still retaining the local health infrastructure and authority need to respond quickly to locally emerging public health threats.

Proceeding with caution and following the continued guidance and reopening plans will allow us to proceed forward. We have witnessed the negative impact of the virus in other regions around the world when social distancing ended too soon. No one wants to go backwards in our efforts to return to an open state.

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](#).