

Dear Village residents:

In its daily update today, the Schenectady County Department of Health (DOH) reported that, on a cumulative basis in the County, there are 594 confirmed cases, and that there are now 11 persons hospitalized. There are now 438 persons under mandatory quarantine and 176 symptomatic persons in precautionary quarantine. There are 531 recoveries noted and sadly, 28 people who tested positive for Covid-19 have died.

In his daily press briefing, the Governor emphasized that, as the State reopens, there will likely be an increase in COVID-19 cases but, with strict adherence to protocols, there should not be a spike or a reversal in the phased reopening. He also noted the growing State deficit, and the immediate need for federal funding to avoid substantial cuts in State aid to schools, libraries, and local governments.

As of today, the Capital Region fails to meet two of the seven metrics regarding hospitalizations and deaths. Here's the regional table:

<https://forward.ny.gov/regional-monitoring-dashboard>

The Governor said that State and County DOH were discussing how nursing homes, which have a large impact on these metrics, should be used in the calculations. If nursing homes were not included, the Capital Region would meet the seven metrics and allow for the first phase reopening of construction, manufacturing, and curbside retail.

If you would like to read more on how the Capital Region is doing with the metrics and learn more about the regional reopening process, the Capital District Regional Planning Commission has a very useful and regularly updated webpage:

https://cdrpc.org/reopening-of-new-york-business-guidelines?mc_cid=4b4816cac0&mc_eid=e32f83fcdf

Schenectady County is offering free cloth face coverings (masks) to Phase 1 businesses for their employees.

Masks can be requested by sending an email to manager@schenectadycounty.com or by calling (518) 388-4355.

As Schenectady County looks to move into Phase 1 of NY Forward, we will begin giving video updates twice weekly, at 10am on Tuesdays and Thursdays, in order to update the public on the most recent guidance.

Residents can submit questions [here](#) or email your question to: meetings.legislature@schenectadycounty.com.

Community Testing at Rotterdam Walmart

Testing is available Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 7-9am. More information is available [here](#).

As our weather warms, and more people are outdoors, the County DOH continues to express concern that young adults are not taking adequate precautions to avoid the spread of the virus. Data showed that the 20-29 age group had the second highest number of COVID-19 cases.

This data suggested that this younger age group was asymptomatic or had mild symptoms, and was spreading the virus, and urged everyone to follow guidelines including regular hand washing, donning masks, staying at least six-feet apart, and staying home whenever possible.

State DOH have asked that residents be aware of COVID-19 related cases which appear similar to Kawasaki disease and toxic shock-like syndrome and has afflicted nearly 110 children, with three tragic deaths of children. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention has asked the State DOH to propose a plan for responding to this syndrome. Here are the known symptoms:

- Prolonged fever (more than five days)
- Difficulty feeding (infants) or is too sick to drink fluids
- Severe abdominal pain, diarrhea or vomiting
- Change in skin color - becoming pale, patchy and/or blue
- Trouble breathing or is breathing very quickly
- Racing heart or chest pain
- Decreased amount or frequency in urine
- Lethargy, irritability or confusion

If you find one or more symptoms present in a child, you should immediately seek medical assistance.

With Village facilities closed at least until June 13th because of the extension of the State of Emergency, your best way to contact Village Offices is by phone, email or mail, as noted on the Village website. And while there, please sign up for Village email notifications and newsletters.

Please enjoy the beautiful weather and stay well and safe.

Mayor Gifford