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## CHAIRMAN'S PRESS RELEASE

### COVID-19 CASES CONTINUE TO SLIDE

#### ***COVID-19 cases***

The Columbia County Department of Health has recorded 46 new cases of COVID-19 among county residents so far this week, DOH Director Victoria McGahan today.

There are currently 10 hospitalized county residents, with one in the ICU. There has been another COVID-related death among the community, bringing to 174 the total since the beginning of the pandemic.

Director McGahan said that, as has been the case in recent times, it's difficult for her department to determine the actual number of COVID-19 cases in the community owing to the prevalence of home testing. She suggests this is a sign that COVID-19 has begun to be managed at home much in the manner of other illnesses, such as the flu. "This is true for vaccinated, mostly healthy people -- those with other health conditions or concerns should seek medical attention," she added.

#### ***DOH COVID-19 & flu vaccine info***

Beginning today, March 2, COVID-19 and flu vaccinations will be available at county DOH at 325 Columbia St., Hudson, on Thursdays from 3-5 p.m. by appointment at 518-828-3358.

#### ***County vaccination rates***

As of Saturday, February 25, the Columbia County Department of Health had administered 11,301 first doses of the COVID-19 vaccine. Second doses now number 9,576. The vaccine administered is Pfizer, Moderna, or Johnson & Johnson. Note: J&J – a single-dose vaccine – is added as a first shot.

Third shots (boosters) of Moderna or Pfizer now number 4,132. Fourth shots (boosters) of Moderna or Pfizer now number 715. Johnson & Johnson boosters number 65. Pfizer bivalent boosters stand at 464, and 833 of Moderna.

Pediatric first shots number 706, with 680 second shots and 91 boosters.

The total number of Columbia County residents by all vaccine providers, as shown on the NYS COVID-19 vaccine tracker website: 42,371 people with primary series, or 70.7 percent of the county's 59,916 population.

## ***Disclaimer***

It is the county's intention to issue accurate information regarding the coronavirus situation under conditions that can change by the minute. For the most up-to-date, accurate information, visit the County Department of Health's website at <https://www.columbiacountynyhealth.com> or their Facebook page @: <https://www.facebook.com/Columbia-County-Department-of-Health-469399129790791>. The state's coronavirus website, with up-to-the-minute information, can be located at <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/home>.

Every Thursday afternoon, Columbia County Board of Supervisors Chairman Matt Murell will issue a press release on the coronavirus situation. The releases can be found on the Columbia County website and the Facebook pages of the Sheriff's Office, the Department of Health, and the Emergency Management Office.