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## **CHAIRMAN'S PRESS RELEASE**

### **DAILY INFECTIONS REMAIN UNDER TEN**

By midday Friday, the Columbia County Department of Health had recorded seven new positive cases of COVID-19. There were eight new cases on Thursday, and four on Wednesday.

Three individuals are currently hospitalized as a result of the virus. One is in the ICU.

The recent infection numbers mean the county's infection rate remains under two percent, noted DOH Director Jack Mabb. Forty-nine percent of Columbia County residents have now received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. Thirty-eight percent are fully vaccinated. By comparison, an average of 55 percent of county residents receive an annual flu shot.

Director Mabb said that as the larger PODs that have been conducted since a COVID-19 vaccine became available are no longer filling up, the county DOH plans to introduce smaller, pop-up vaccination PODs around the county. Information on upcoming vaccination PODs is continually being updated on the county DOH website at [columbiacountynyhealth.com](http://columbiacountynyhealth.com).

ADVISORY: Please note that the numbers distributed in Board of Supervisors Chairman Matt Murell's coronavirus press releases are morning results provided to the county Department of Health via the state reporting system. Updated numbers are issued again by the state in the afternoon, ordinarily past the time this press release is distributed. Consequently, there may be discrepancies in the numbers that appear here versus the final daily numbers shown on the DOH website and elsewhere.

### **COUNTY VACCINATION PROGRESS**

As of Monday, April 26, the county Department of Health had administered 9,761 first doses of the COVID-19 vaccine. Second doses now number 6,670. The vaccine administered is Pfizer, Moderna, or Johnson & Johnson. Note: J&J – a one dose vaccine -- is added as a first shot.

The total number of Columbia County residents by all vaccine providers, as shown on the NYS COVID-19 vaccine tracker website: 20,876 have completed the vaccine series. 28,439 have received at least one dose, or 47.5 percent of the county's 59,916 population.

### **DOH HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT VACCINATIONS TO BEGIN**

The Columbia County Department of Health will begin administering the COVID-19 vaccine to county high school students next Monday and Tuesday, said county DOH Director Jack Mabb today.

Director Mabb said that of 950 high school students in the county, 150 are currently signed up for next week's shots. "It's a good start," he said.

## **SENIORS & HOMEBOUND RESIDENTS – DO YOU NEED VACCINATION REGISTRATION HELP?**

Columbia County Seniors and/or homebound residents in need of assistance getting themselves registered for the COVID-19 vaccine are encouraged to contact the county call center Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The telephone number is 518-697-5560.

### **COUNTY VACCINATION INFORMATION PHONE LINE**

The Columbia County call center dedicated to helping those requiring assistance with vaccine registration is active Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The dedicated telephone number is 518-697-5560.

### **CORONAVIRUS TESTING SITES (as of 1-8-2021)**

New York Testing Sites by appointment only at 888-364-3065 visit <http://www.covid19screening.health.ny.gov/>; WellNow Urgent Care, 446 Fairview Avenue, Hudson. 518-267-3496. May be out-of-pocket costs; Columbia County Department of Health, 518-828-3358. Check [www.columbiacountynyhealth.com](http://www.columbiacountynyhealth.com) for scheduled walk-up and drive-thru clinics; Greene County Department of Health, by appointment only on Wednesdays from 5-6:30 p.m., 518-719-3600..

Also, Community Care Physicians, Latham. 518-863-3600. 12-7 p.m.; Priority 1 Urgent Care, Guilderland, 518-867-8040; Whitney Young, Albany, 518-465-4771; Rite Aid, Colonie, 518-267-3496; CareMount Medical Urgent Care, Rhinebeck, 844-484-6564; CVS-Valatie, 518-758-2200; CVS-Red Hook, 845-758-9612.

Also, Central Med Urgent Care, 1662 Central Avenue, Albany, 518-240-1456, bills insurance; Walgreens Rapid Testing, 41 Holland Avenue, Albany, 518-426, 2976.

EmUrgentCare locations offer COVID-19 tests for patients without symptoms at the following locations: 98 Wolf Rd., Albany; 11835 US-9W, West Coxsackie; 2976 US-9W, Saugerties; 5 New Karner Rd., Guilderland. The telephone number for all locations is 518-264-9000. Check for out-of-pocket costs.

Price Chopper test locations with testing hours from 7-9 a.m. on Tuesdays: Chatham, Clifton Park, Latham, Troy, Wilton. Other Price Chopper locations and times: Ft. Edward, Tuesday, 7-10 a.m.; Glenmont, Wednesday, 7-10 a.m.; Johnstown, Tuesday, 7-11 a.m.; and Schenectady, Wednesday, 12-2 p.m.

Pine Plains Pharmacy: 2965 Church Street, Pine Plains, 518-398-5588. Monday-Saturday by appointment only.

### ***AT-HOME COVID-19 TEST AVAILABLE***

LabCorp currently offers an at-home COVID-19 test at <https://www.pixel.labcorp.com/at-home-test-kits/covid-19-test-home-collection-kit>. This test does not detect antibodies or immunity. It is designed to determine active infection with the virus that causes COVID-19.

After completing a short eligibility survey, choose a billing option, which can be through personal insurance, the use of federal funds to cover the cost of this test on your behalf if you're uninsured, or with a credit card. The test kit will arrive via FedEx. After collecting and returning your sample, the average time to deliver results is one-two days from when your sample is received at the lab, according to LabCorp.

## *DONATION INFORMATION*

**Monetary:** Monetary donations intended for the purchase of coronavirus testing kits and much-needed equipment for emergency responders, medical personnel, and others on the front lines of the coronavirus fight are advised to send a check in care of Columbia County, with coronavirus noted in the memo field. The check can be sent to the Columbia County Controller's Office, 401 State Street, Hudson, NY 12534. All money received is being placed in a dedicated account.

**PPE:** Those wishing to make donations of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), such as N95 masks, face shields, and gowns, are advised to contact the Emergency Management Office at 518-828-1212.

**Food:** Donations should be directed to the county Office for the Aging (518-828-4258) and local food pantries.

**Masks:** Those wishing to donate cloth masks to the county stockpile may contact the county Emergency Management office at 518-828-1212 or [cceoc@columbiacountysheriff.us](mailto:cceoc@columbiacountysheriff.us). Or Supervisor Rob Lagonia at [rlagonia@austerlitzny.com](mailto:rlagonia@austerlitzny.com)

## *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 Tuesday and Friday, the county 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.