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Monroe County Department of Public Health COVID-19 Update

4 p.m. on Thursday March 26, 2020

Statement from Public Health Commissioner Dr. Michael Mendoza: "Regretfully, we have received notification that a fourth death related to COVID-19 occurred today in Monroe County. We offer our sincere condolences to the patient's loved ones, and we ask that all of you continue to do your part to help keep others safe. Stay home. Wash your hands. Practice social distancing."

Confirmed Cases

There are 148 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Monroe County.

New Cases

There are 6 new confirmed cases of COVID-19 since the 10 a.m. update. These new individuals include:

- 1 Male under 10
- 1 Female in her 20s
- 1 Male in his 30s
- 1 Male in his 40s
- 1 Female in her 60s
- 1 Male in his 90s

COVID-19 Testing in Monroe County

- 1,966 test results have been received to date
- 148 positive results, 1,818 negative results

This information includes all testing by physicians, healthcare facilities, and licensed clinical laboratories in Monroe County and will be updated every day at 4 p.m.

Hospitalized patients

Of the 142 confirmed cases, 31 people are hospitalized, 19 of the 32 patients are in ICU.

Deaths related to COVID-19

4 patients

Resolved Cases

Of the 148 confirmed cases, 10 people resolved and have been released from isolation, 8 new since Wednesday, March 25.

Mandatory Quarantine

The Health Department has placed 545 people into mandatory quarantine and isolation.

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Additional Details

Recent travelers from New York City to Rochester should self-quarantine for 14 days and monitor for symptoms of COVID-19.

Monroe County continues to ask residents to stay home and practice social distancing. We should all assume that we have been exposed to COVID-19, even if we do not have recognizable symptoms, and could be spreading the virus to people who are vulnerable to more severe symptoms.

What does social distancing mean?

Social distancing is deliberately increasing the physical space between people to avoid spreading illness. Staying at least six feet away from other people lessens your chances of catching COVID-19.

Can I visit my relatives or friends?

Do not visit loved ones in person. Use the phone or other electronic devices. Deliver food or other essential items to the doorstep.

How can I keep safe when I need to go out to secure essential items like food?

- Make as few trips as possible.
- Avoid excessive shopping time.
- Make a list in advance.
- Consider using delivery services or the self-checkout lane.
- Wipe down the shopping cart, touch screens and touch pads before and after use.

What if we are outside?

Avoid close contact with people, even when outside. Keep a distance of at least 6 feet to help slow the spread of COVID-19.

- Avoid games and activities that require close contact.
- Avoid frequently touched surfaces and objects. This includes playground equipment like slides and swings.
- Do not share equipment such as bicycles, helmets, balls or frisbees.
- Do not gather in groups.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover your cough and sneezes with a tissue and discard the tissue in a closed container.

When you return indoors, wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol.

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Everyone has a role to play as we work to stop the spread of COVID-19 in our community.

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