

Chautauqua County Board of Health  
MINUTES

**Meeting Date/Time:** Thursday, January 20, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.

**Location:** Virtual Meeting via Zoom

**Scribe:** Sherri Rater

**ATTENDANCE:**

BOH Members	P/A	BOH Members	P/A	Others Present	Title
Dr. Erlandson	P	Elisabeth Rankin	P	Bree Agett	Epidemiology Manager, HHS
Dr. Khan	P	Dr. Tallett	P	Dr. Berke	County Physician, HHS
Dr. Kidder	P	Mark Tarbrake	P	Bill Boria	Environmental Health Director, HHS
Dr. McConnon	P	Nancy Rosario	A	Sherri Rater	Scribe, Administrative Assistant to Commissioner, HHS
Dr. Ney	P				

<b>Call to order</b>	The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by President Lillian Ney. Roll call was taken by Sherri Rater.
<b>Privilege of the Floor</b>	None.
<b>Approval of November 18, 2021 minutes</b>	Dr. Ney requests that today's minutes note that at the November 18, 2021 meeting, the Board of Health approved their resolution to recognize and support the CDC's COVID-19 guidelines and recommend people wear a mask in indoor public settings due to the current high rate of COVID-19 transmission in the county. Ney made a motion to approve the November 18, 2021 meeting minutes, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Tarbrake, all in favor, motion carried.
<b>New Business: Agreements to Settle</b>	Boria reports four violations for businesses failing to submit public water supply reports. The first time someone fails to submit a report in a calendar year, they are issued a written warning, the second offense results in a fine. There was also one violation for operating a food service establishment without a permit.
<b>New Business: Policy change on water-sewage surveys</b>	Boria reports that there is a policy change to our water sewage surveys for property transfers. We have decided to suspend septic system inspections annually from December 15 <sup>th</sup> -April 1 <sup>st</sup> . In order to properly inspect a septic system there must be 10 days of above freezing temperatures and no snow cover, which is nearly impossible to do during this timeframe.
<b>New Business: Healthy Homes Grant</b>	Chautauqua County has been awarded \$2 Million to address unsafe and unhealthy housing conditions in the City of Jamestown for the period March 2022 through September 2025 (3.5 years). This funding will assist homeowners and rental property owners with low to moderate income and with residents ages <18 and >65 to improve properties, eliminate asthma triggers like mold, fall hazards, fire hazards, radon, insect infestations, and other preventable health and safety issues in their homes. Working in collaboration with CDBG and HOMES programs at the City of Jamestown Department of Development. The program is expected to roll out by mid-year.

<p>Healthy Homes Grant cont'd</p>	<p>We are extremely proud of our team and Anna Powell for her work to make this happen. It is really going to make a difference for the residents of the City of Jamestown. Lisa Schmidfrerick-Miller has been an ongoing advocate and has carried the torch in taking the lead program to the next level and now with Anna Powell stepping in to pick up the program they have done phenomenal work. Regarding community health, when looking at the social determinants of health and the impact of our zip codes having more of an effect on our health than our genetic code in some cases. Addressing some of the housing conditions in the city of Jamestown could allow us to truly impact social determinants of health.</p>
<p><b>Old Business:</b> COVID-19</p>	<p>We reported 1,743 new cases (249.0 per day) and 4 new deaths for the week ending 1/15/22. This is a slight decrease from the prior week, which saw 1,855 new cases (265.0 per day). State numbers are also on the decline. See attachment A for more information.</p> <p>Chautauqua County is experiencing a surge of COVID-19 cases, likely a result of the introduction of the Omicron Variant and holiday gatherings. There have been many changes to isolation and quarantine protocols issued by the CDC and NYSDOH over the past month. Isolation and quarantine have generally been reduced to 5 days, with masking on days 6-10, as long as the individual is fever-free and symptoms are improving. Those unable to tolerate a mask (including children &lt;2) should continue to isolate/quarantine for the full 10 days. Contact tracing is prioritized for cases &lt;18 years old and those 70+. School guidance is in constant flux and we are working closely with school leaders to interpret and implement the guidance.</p> <p>For those who have recently tested positive for COVID-19 or have been in close contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19 should go to the Health Department's website <a href="https://chqgov.com">https://chqgov.com</a>, click on the COVID-19 page and then isolation and quarantine and return to work documents for information on how to isolation and quarantine as well as documentation to be able to return to work and (if applicable) be paid for the time off.</p> <p>The federal government is offering four free COVID-19 test kits per household. Test kits can be ordered by going to <a href="https://www.covidtests.gov/">https://www.covidtests.gov/</a>.</p> <p>Free COVID-19 testing is available in Jamestown and Fredonia. More information can be found here: <a href="https://chqgov.com/public-health/covid-19-testing-sites">https://chqgov.com/public-health/covid-19-testing-sites</a></p> <p>Long COVID in adults, pediatric cases and adolescents is a disease for which we have yet to see the long-term ramifications. It is so new that we don't have classifications and markers, but we are seeing this in all ages. Most of what we are seeing in pediatric population are pulmonary, neurocognitive, chronic fatigue, and brain fog. Adults with COVID that developed into severe pneumonia are having many respiratory and pulmonary symptoms. A lot of people are also reporting never getting their smell back or a change in their sense of smell.</p> <p>Anyone who has had the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine series can get a booster shot five months after the initial vaccine series. Anyone who has had the Johnson and Johnson vaccine can get a booster shot two months after the initial vaccine. There has been talk about a fourth dose. Fourth doses will only be for the severely immunocompromised. If you were sick with COVID and are now eligible to receive a booster can get the booster as soon as possible so long as you have completed the isolation period. Some of the Board of Health physicians suggest waiting to get the booster dose for 2 weeks to 60 days after testing positive for COVID-19.</p>

COVID-19 cont'd Distribution of Test Kits and Masks	Our department has assisted the Office of Emergency Services and the County Executive's Office in planning and distribution of rapid test kits and KN95 masks. Several non-profit agencies in the community, the Office for the Aging, and municipalities have been instrumental in getting these resources out to the community. Anyone in the public seeking rapid tests should contact their town/village/city to inquire about their supply levels.
COVID-19 cont'd Masking Enforcement	Concerning the Governor's Masking mandate, our Health Department has been focusing on outreach and education and only resort to Cease and Desist Orders and fines if necessary. The investigative process is mainly complaint-driven, as we lack the manpower to "police" the mandate. In December, we sent a health alert and signage to all facilities that we permit, to the Chamber of Commerce to disseminate through their channels, and the United Ways to disseminate through their channels. We also sent the alert to NYS Ag & Markets who oversees grocery stores, convenience stores, most retail outlets, for dissemination. The Board received a letter on January 3 <sup>rd</sup> reporting two businesses failing to abide by the mask mandate. Both businesses were contacted and provided education and signage. Since the Governor's mask mandate implementation on December 15, 2021 the Health Department has received complaints for 31 businesses who were not abiding by the mask mandate. All businesses have been contacted and provided education and signage for them to hang on doors.
COVID-19 cont'd Legislator Parker's Motion	Legislator Susan Parker is supporting a proposed motion (attachment B) in the County Legislature entitled: "Encouraging Best Practices to Overcome COVID-19" that speaks to the work done by our department and encouraging our county to continue to employ masking, vaccination, education, testing, and collaboration with community agencies and business to combat COVID-19. The motion was presented to the Human Services Committee on 1/19. The committee was generally supportive of our efforts and spoke highly of the work done by this department. It is unknown whether the resolution will make it to the Legislature for vote. Khan made a motion to support Legislator Parker's motion; 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Erlandson; all in favor; motion carried.
COVID-19 cont'd Wastewater Surveillance	Chautauqua County is partnering with the NYSDOH Center for Environmental Health, and with the National Association of City and County Health officials to begin monitoring for COVID-19 in wastewater. Plans are in place to begin sampling and running tests to quantify COVID-19 levels in wastewater from the public treatment works in Jamestown and Dunkirk, and potentially additional sites in the county starting within a month and through July of 2022. Our department will be working with state and national partners to monitor levels, which will be shared with the public via a GIS dashboard.
<b>Other:</b> Retirement of Environmental Health Director	Environmental Health Director Bill Boria is retiring later this year. Many thanks and well wishes were given to Bill. Bill is thankful to have had the opportunity to work with the Department for his tenure.
<b>Adjournment</b>	Motion to adjourn by Tarbrake. Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm
<b>Future Meeting Dates</b>	3/17/22, 5/19/22, 7/21/22, 9/15/22, 11/17/22



## COVID-19 Statistics for January 9-January 15, 2022

(updated at 12:30 on 1/19/22)

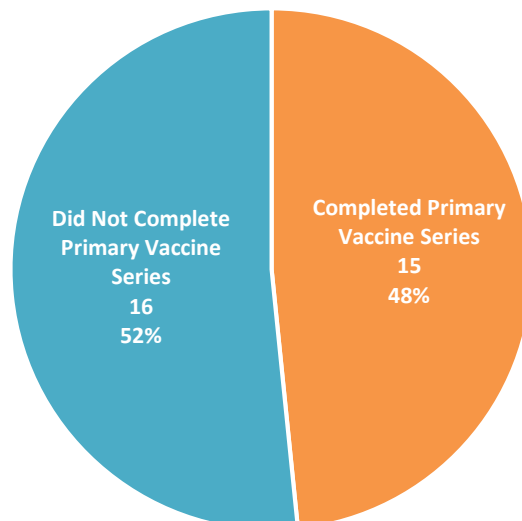
Total Cases	New Cases This Week	New Deaths	Active Cases Today	Total Recovered	Currently Hospitalized	% Did Not Complete Primary Vaccine Series in Local Hospitals <sup>^</sup>	Total Deaths	People in Quarantine Today	7-Day Average % Positive*	CDC Level of Community Transmission
22878	1743	4	339	22249	31	52%	290	668	17.3%	HIGH

<sup>^</sup>This number includes all people currently hospitalized in Chautauqua County facilities, and does not include residents who are hospitalized outside of Chautauqua County

\*<https://forward.ny.gov/percentage-positive-results-county-dashboard>

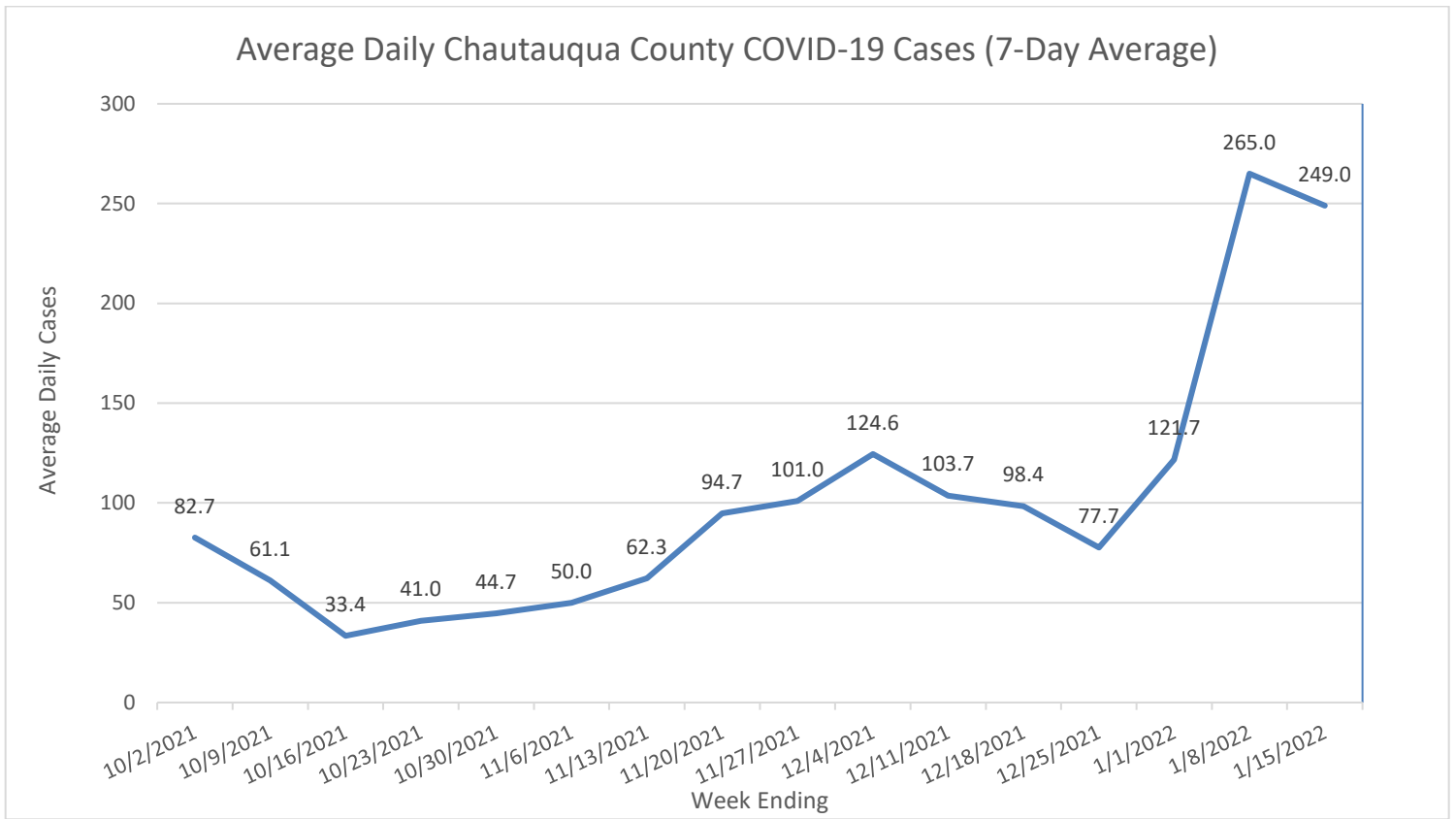
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### Current Chautauqua County COVID-19 Hospital Admissions by Vaccination Status

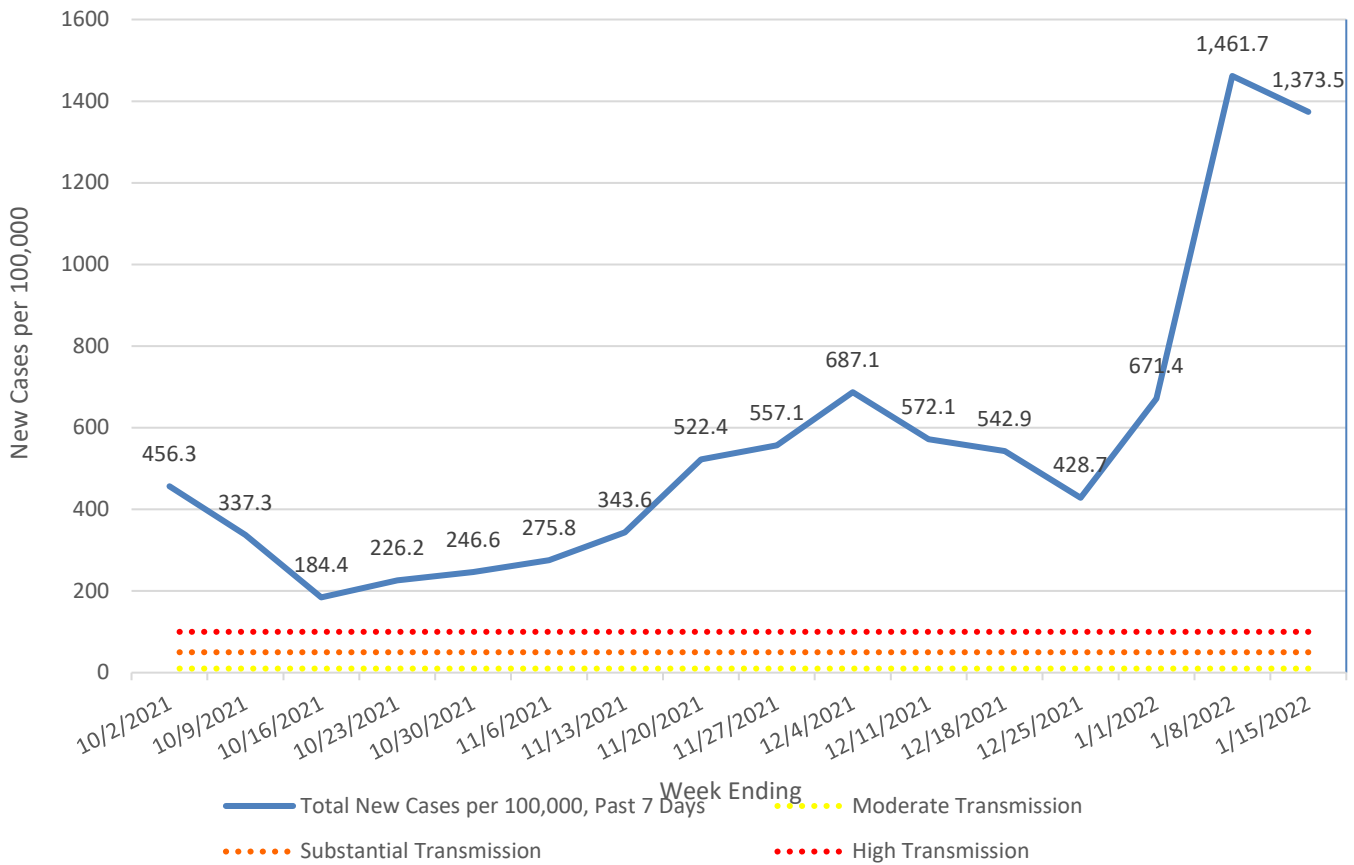


# COVID-19 New Cases and Case Rates per 100,000 Population by Week

Week Ending	New Cases in the Past 7 Days	Total New Cases per 100,000, Past 7 Days	Average Daily Cases (7-Day Average)	Trend
1/15/2022	1743	1373.49	249.0	↓
1/8/2022	1855	1461.75	265.0	↑
1/1/2022	852	671.38	121.7	↑
12/25/2021	544	428.67	77.7	↓
12/18/2021	689	542.93	98.4	↓
12/11/2021	726	572.09	103.7	↓
12/4/2021	872	687.14	124.6	↑
11/27/2021	707	557.12	101.0	↑
11/20/2021	663	522.45	94.7	↑
11/13/2021	436	343.57	62.3	↑
11/6/2021	350	275.80	50.0	↑



Total New Cases per 100,000 Persons in the Past 7 Days, Chautauqua County



**COVID-19 Cases Reported Since August 1, 2021 by Known Vaccination Status**

Vaccination Status	Number	Percent
Partially Vaccinated	1239	13%
Fully Vaccinated (Primary Series Completed- Boosters not included)	2449	26%
Not Vaccinated	5879	61%
<b>Cases with Known Vaccination Status</b>	<b>9567</b>	<b>100%</b>

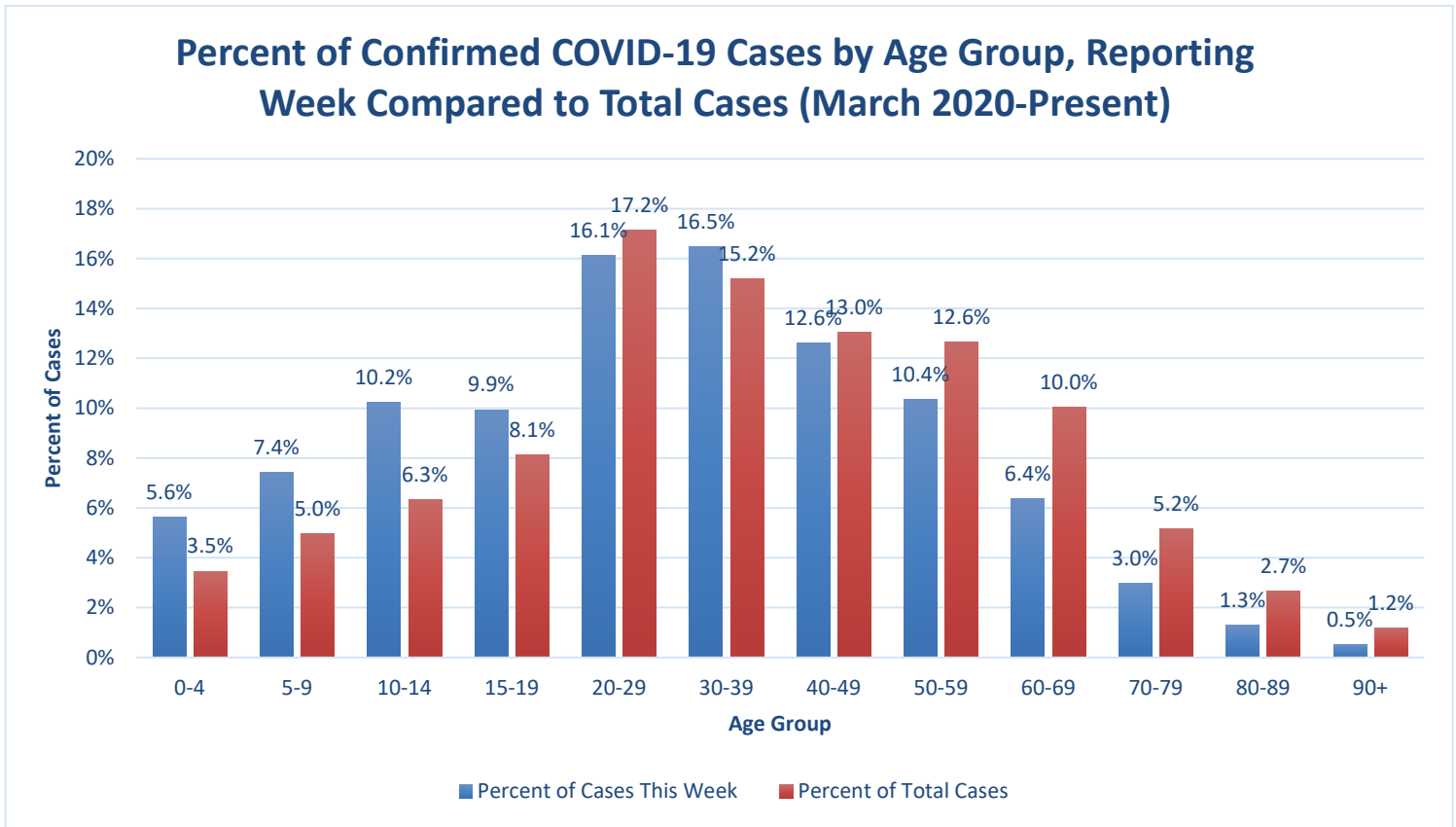
**Vaccination status is unknown for 4,055 cases.** Vaccination status is assessed at the time of the initial interview. If interview has not yet been completed at the time positive case is tracked, vaccination status is reported as unknown.

# Chautauqua County Residents Vaccinated for COVID-19

	At Least One Dose	Fully Vaccinated (Primary Series)
People Vaccinated	Percent	Percent
Total County Population	64.2%	57.1%
Population ≥ 5 Years of Age	67.8%	60.4%
Population ≥ 12 Years of Age	71.8%	64.1%
Population ≥ 18 Years of Age	73.7%	65.6%
Population ≥ 65 Years of Age	94.7%	82.6%

Source: <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view>

Data as of January 18, 2022



## COVID-19 Cases, Case Rates, and Vaccination Status by Known ZIP Code

Zip Code	New Weekly Cases	New Daily Cases per 100,000 Residents on 7-Day Rolling Average	Total New Cases per 100,000 Residents in the Past 7 Days	Total Cases	Vaccination Rate (At Least One Dose)
14048- Dunkirk	292	292.1	2044.4	3292	67.3%
14062- Forestville	33	154.8	1083.4	543	62.4%
14063- Fredonia	128	127.9	895.0	2444	56.5%
14081- Irving	14	64.0	448.3	181	100.0%
14135- Sheridan	3	291.5	2040.8	28	88.4%
14136- Silver Creek	61	186.7	1307.0	894	68.0%
14138- South Dayton	12	91.2	638.6	111	45.9%
14701- Jamestown	512	186.5	1305.7	6801	60.4%
14710- Ashville	43	178.4	1248.9	534	61.5%
14712- Bemus Point	34	159.6	1117.0	568	74.4%
14716- Brocton	35	190.6	1334.3	531	47.4%
14718- Cassadaga	14	98.0	685.9	244	53.3%
14720- Celoron	11	261.5	1830.3	98	53.9%
14722- Chautauqua	1	58.5	409.8	14	100.0%
14723- Cherry Creek	18	231.9	1623.1	213	55.6%
14724- Clymer	11	65.3	457.4	302	46.9%
14726- Conewango Valley	2	15.1	105.7	42	19.2%
14728- Dewittville	6	86.1	603.0	125	56.2%
14732- Ellington	1	92.8	649.4	26	70.1%
14733- Falconer	49	192.0	1343.9	700	63.4%
14736- Findley Lake	2	140.7	985.2	53	100.0%
14738- Frewsburg	57	250.4	1752.8	695	64.4%
14740- Gerry	20	258.6	1810.0	223	70.1%
14742- Greenhurst	4	182.6	1278.0	83	88.5%
14747- Kennedy	25	159.2	1114.6	360	53.3%
14750- Lakewood	62	200.4	1403.0	765	82.4%
14752- Lily Dale	0	0.0	0.0	7	32.2%
14757- Mayville	41	176.3	1233.8	515	67.1%
14767- Panama	13	86.9	608.0	198	36.9%
14769- Portland	10	127.1	889.7	152	46.4%
14775- Ripley	24	134.7	943.0	366	56.6%
14781- Sherman	9	61.5	430.8	292	49.0%
14782- Sinclairville	27	169.9	1189.4	363	54.1%
14784- Stockton	6	88.2	617.3	177	52.8%
14787- Westfield	54	164.0	1148.0	772	72.9%
Total	1634	174.3	1220.3	22712	



Unknown ZIP Code

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ZIP Code 14710 (Ashville) includes cases from 14785 (Stow).

Vaccination Data Source: <https://covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/vaccination-rates-zip-code>; Please note that the percent vaccinated is of ALL residents, and not among cases reported during the week.

Case Rates are Based on 2019 ACS 5-Year Estimates by the US Census Bureau

### Fatality Rate by Age Group

Age Group	Total Deaths	Fatality Rate
All Ages	290	1.27%
0-19	0	0.00%
20-29	2	0.05%
30-39	3	0.09%
40-49	6	0.20%
50-59	34	1.19%
60-69	46	2.03%
70-79	63	5.41%
80-89	85	14.07%
90+	51	19.25%

**NYS Fatality Rate: 1.5%**

**US Fatality Rate: 1.6%**

Source: CDC COVID Data Tracker ([https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#cases\\_deathsper100klast7days](https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#cases_deathsper100klast7days))

**Link to Chautauqua County COVID-19 Map (Updated Monthly):**

<https://chautauquacounty.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/012d07321ad6415c8cf17c4f673643c9>

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**CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY**  
**MOTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**



**TITLE:** Encouraging Best Practices to Overcome COVID-19

**AT THE REQUEST OF:** Legislators Bankoski, Parker, Pavlock and Vanstrom

WHEREAS, the residents of Chautauqua County continue to confront illness and death associated with the COVID-19 Pandemic; and

WHEREAS, SARS-CoV-2, an easily communicable airborne respiratory virus which causes COVID-19 disease, has killed more than 800,000 Americans, including our Chautauqua County residents, and continues to infect and cause great health harm to our residents, especially those of us unvaccinated; and

WHEREAS, due to the easily communicable airborne nature of the SARS-CoV-2 virus, it is known and understood that the use of masks by individuals in common indoor public areas, especially when combined with the vaccines available, helps reduce the spread of COVID-19 and its significant health consequences, including hospitalization and death, and

WHEREAS, the Chautauqua County Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Division, referred to herein as “Health Department,” is a community of public health professionals whose main purpose is to protect and promote the health of our residents and families and friends and accomplishes this mission by preventing disease, prolonging meaningful life, protecting the environment, and providing leadership in health crises; and

WHEREAS the Health Department has sought to work cooperatively with all the organizations and businesses and individuals who have an interest and stake in effectively addressing the COVID-19 Pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Health Department has instituted significant efforts to encourage residents aged 5 and older be vaccinated and obtain and ensure an adequate supply of vaccines for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Health Department has recommended that our residents aged two years old and older wear face masks when entering common public indoor spaces, including offices and businesses; therefore,

LET IT BE KNOWN, the Chautauqua County Legislature lauds the efforts of the Health Department to provide a coordinated effort to address the most significant public health crisis we have faced as a country and county in more than a century; and

LET IT BE FURTHER KNOWN, the Chautauqua County Legislature wholly supports the efforts of the Health Department to vaccinate county residents, including booster vaccinations as recommended, encourage the use of masks in common public indoor areas, employ testing to help our residents, organizations, and businesses to help control the spread and severity of COVID-19, and

LET IT FURTHER BE KNOWN, the Chautauqua County Legislature supports without reservation the Health Department's use of a single point of contact for all COVID-19 related information and assistance, including the availability of vaccines and use of masks and employing test kits by way of the Chautauqua County Public Health COVID-19 Hotline at 866-604-6789, its website (<https://chqgov.com/public-health/novel-coronavirus-covid-19>), or by email [cchealth@co.chautauqua.ny.us](mailto:cchealth@co.chautauqua.ny.us). The Department's assistance is available Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Additionally, the Department offers 24/7 access to assistance at the New York State Department of Health COVID-19 Hotline at 888-364-3065.