



Erie County Health Department
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Erie County Community Health Center
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To Our Local Partners:

The incidence of COVID-19 in Erie County has increased to the level of **high spread** (>100 cases per 100,000 population over the past 7 days), per the CDC. Therefore, the Erie County Health Department is issuing new recommendations for our local businesses to mitigate the ongoing spread of the COVID-19 virus and new circulating variants in our community.

Masking Recommendations

- **Fully Vaccinated Staff:** Mask within the workplace and in any additional populated indoor areas at all times. Masking should be coupled with appropriate social distancing measures.
- **Unvaccinated Staff:** Mask within the workplace and in any additional populated indoor areas at all times. Masking should be coupled with appropriate social distancing measures.
- **Visitors:** Mask immediately upon entry to the facility. This is to protect staff and high-risk visitors that are unable to get vaccinated.

Isolation Recommendations

- If an individual is identified as a case of COVID-19, they will be contacted by the Erie County Health Department (ECHD) or Public Consulting Group (PCG). Isolation guidance will be issued at time of contact for employee. The employer will be contacted by ECHD Office of Epidemiology and Surveillance if further mitigation measures are needed.

Quarantine Recommendations

- If an individual is identified as a close contact to a case of COVID-19, please abide by the following:
 - **Fully Vaccinated Staff:** Do NOT need to quarantine at home. Please monitor for COVID-like symptoms for 14 days following most recent exposure. Please mask for 14 days following most recent exposure. If a negative COVID-19 test is received 3-5 days after exposure, masking may be discontinued on day 7 following exposure. If symptoms develop, pursue testing and stay home until results are received.
 - **Unvaccinated Staff:** Must quarantine at home for 10 days following most recent exposure and monitor for COVID-like symptoms for 14 days. If symptoms develop, pursue testing and stay home until results are received.

Vaccination Recommendations

- ECHD continues to strongly encourage **all eligible individuals to be vaccinated for COVID-19**. The COVID-19 vaccine is safe, effective, and the best prevention measure we have to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in our community.
- If any eligible individuals are interested in receiving the COVID-19 vaccine, they may schedule an appointment with the Erie County Health Department/Erie County Community Health Center by calling **(567) 867-5174**.

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