

LiveWell Erie



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WELCOME TO THE LIVE WELL ERIE
TASK FORCE MEETING

AUGUST 26, 2021



Live Well Erie Task Force Meeting

August 26, 2021

9:00 am – 10:30 am

Agenda

- 1. Welcome and Introductions: Marie Cannon, Live Well Erie Co-Chair**
- 2. Live Well Erie Implementation Team Retreat Recap: Timothy Hagues, Commissioner Personnel**
- 3. Erie County COVID-19 Update/Vaccine Update: Dr. Gale Burstein, Erie County Commissioner of Health**
- 4. Live Well Erie Update:**
 - Child Care Taskforce: Maria Whyte, Deputy County Executive
 - Housing Taskforce: Moving Forward together and ERAP Update: Marie A. Cannon
 - Gun Violence Taskforce: Jackie Hall, Executive Director, Family Independence
- 5. Work Group Report Outs:**
 - Give Every Child a Chance to Succeed Work Group update: Jacqueline Hall & Aimee Neri
 - Empowering Working Families Work Group update: Karen King & Julie Barrett O'Neill
 - Supporting Older Adults Work Group update: David Shenk & Karen Nicholson
- 6. Q/A**
- 7. Next Meeting Date: Thursday, November 18th from 9:00AM -10:30AM**



LIVE WELL ERIE IMPLEMENTATION TEAM RETREAT RECAP:

Timothy Hagues, Commissioner of Personnel



ERIE COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE

AUGUST 26, 2021

The information presented here is current as of today's date unless otherwise noted. All data are provisional. For the latest information, reference links within the presentation or visit

www.erie.gov/covid19



ERIE COUNTY COVID-19 CASE DATA SUMMARY

➤ "HIGH" TRANSMISSION



Erie County
Department of
Health



Public Health
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COVID-19 Update

as of 8/24/2021

144

New
cases

1,016

Total cases,
past 7 days

107

Total new cases per
100,000, past 7 days

93,127

Total confirmed
COVID-19 cases

www.erie.gov/covid19



CONFIRMED CASES, PAST 6 WEEKS

Week Ending	New Cases in the Past 7 Days	Total New Cases in the Past 7 Days per 100,000 Persons*
7/17/2021	174	18.2
7/24/2021	297	31.1
7/31/2021	529	55.4
8/7/2021	647	67.8
8/14/2021	811	85.0
8/21/2021	983	103.0

- At May 2021 LWE meeting, Erie County had just dropped from “high” to “substantial” transmission.
- Erie County is back in “high” transmission.

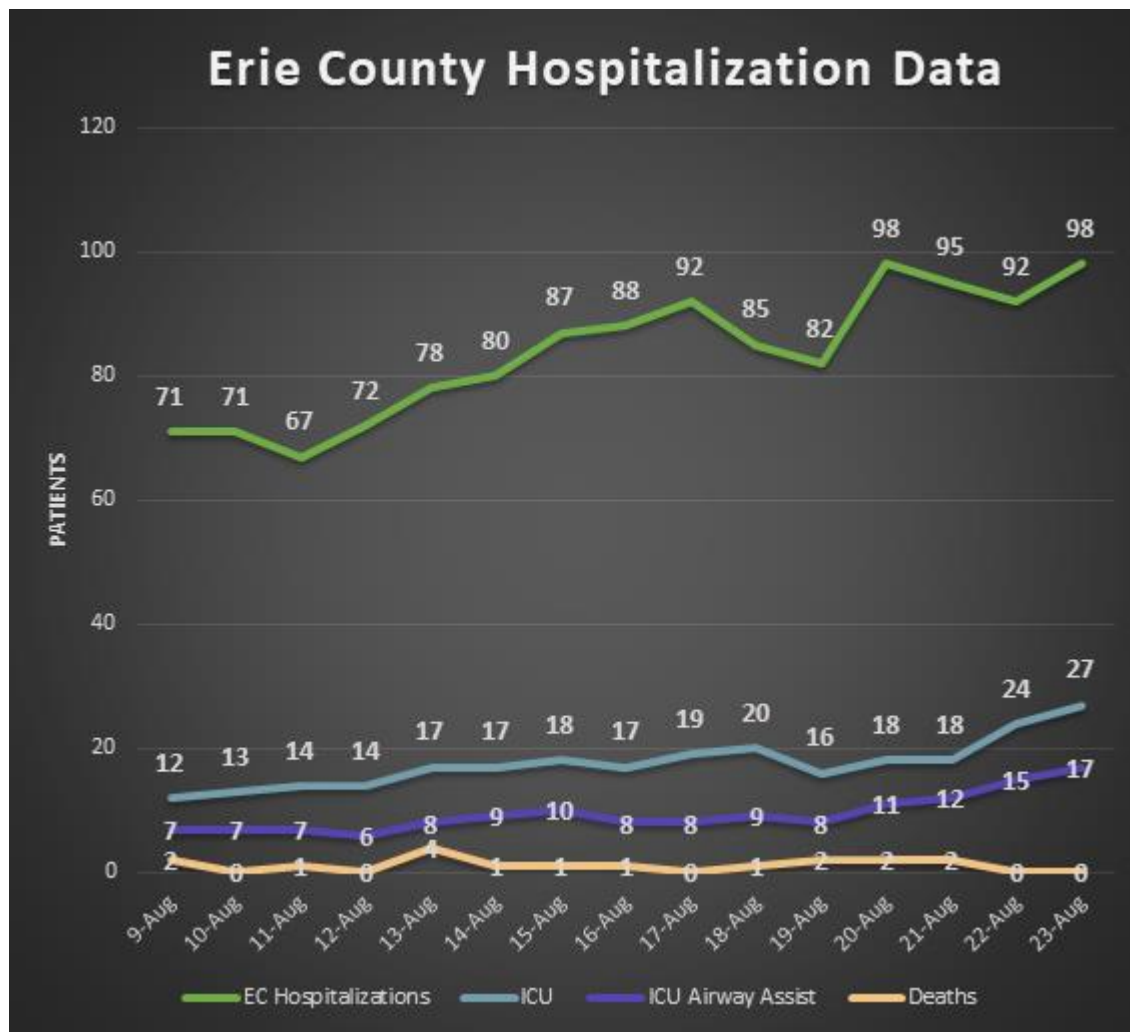


Zip Code	City/Town/Village	Cases	Zip Code Population **	New Daily Cases per 100,000 Persons on 7- Day Rolling Average ¹	Total New Cases per 100,000 Persons in the Past 7 Days ²
14075	Hamburg	55	41,937	18.7	131.1
14221	Amherst/Williamsville/Clarendon	55	53,555	14.7	102.7
14150	Tonawanda	50	41,676	17.1	120.0
14215	Buffalo (East)	42	39,999	15.0	105.0
14224	West Seneca	42	39,889	15.0	105.3
14086	Lancaster	36	31,847	16.1	113.0
14043	Depew	35	24,742	20.2	141.5
14226	Amherst (Snyder/Eggertsville)	34	29,267	16.6	116.2
14127	Orchard Park	29	29,961	13.8	96.8
14222	Buffalo (Elmwood Village)	29	14,046	29.5	206.5
14223	Tonawanda	29	22,665	18.3	128.0
14225	Cheektowaga	28	33,385	12.0	83.9
14052	Aurora	27	17,329	22.3	155.8
14217	Kenmore	26	23,480	15.8	110.7
14228	Amherst (Getzville)	26	20,857	17.8	124.7

- 20 ZIP codes had 7-day case rates of more than 100 new cases per 100,000 persons.
- 14222 and 14052 had the highest 7-day case rates per 100,000 people with 207 and 156, respectively.



ERIE COUNTY HOSPITALIZATION DATA (AUGUST 9-23)



- Hospitalizations and ICU patients on par with late May 2021
- 56% of COVID-19 hospitalizations are age 64 & under



ERIE COUNTY MORTALITY DATA

BY AGE GROUP, 2021

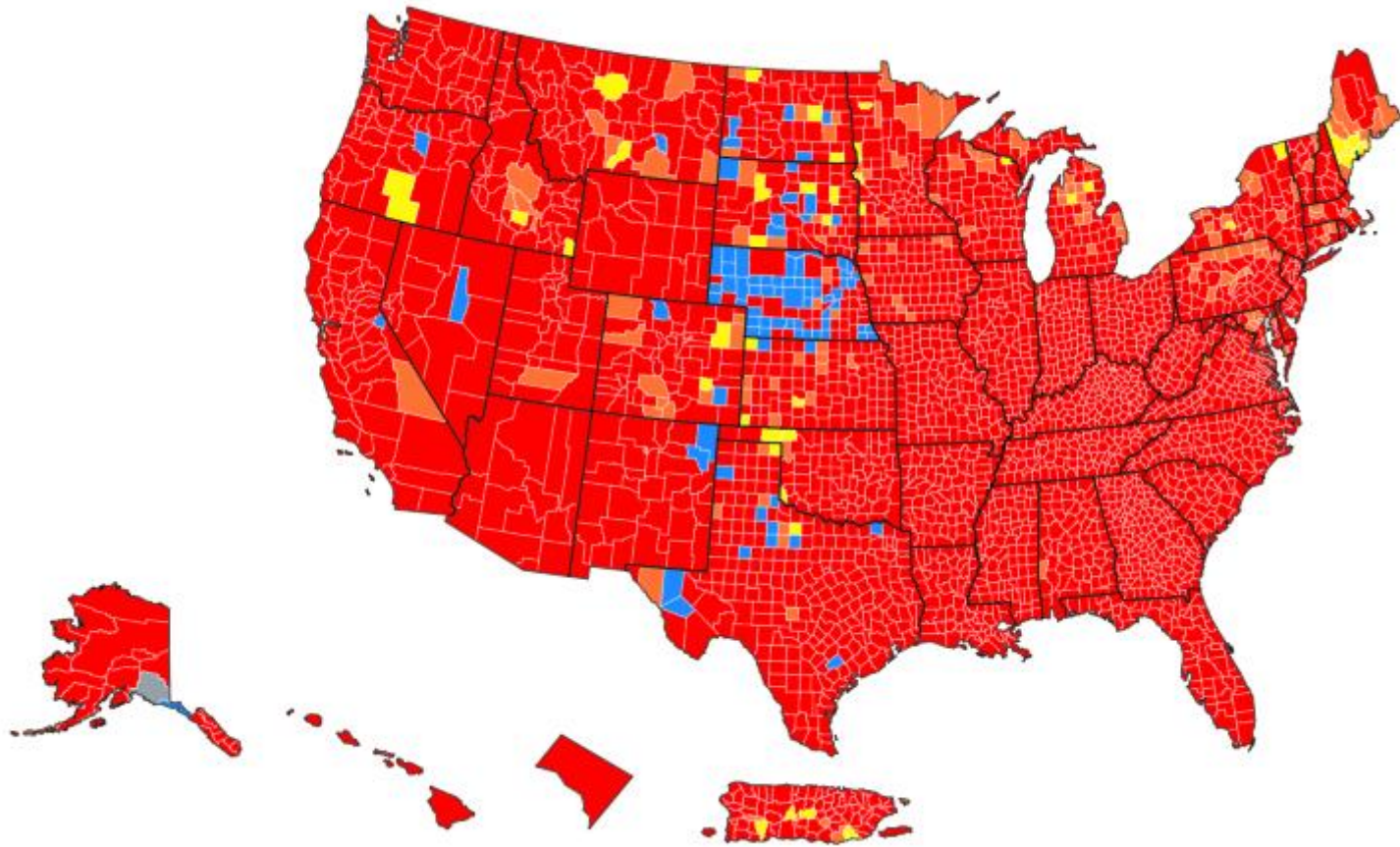
Age Group	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Total
<40	3	4	0	4	2	0	1	0	14
40 to 49	4	3	1	8	2	0	1	0	19
50 to 59	8	11	5	7	5	4	1	3	44
60 to 69	31	22	6	24	11	5	1	3	103
70 to 79	60	34	16	30	21	4	6	3	174
80+	163	62	29	27	24	5	1	7	318
Total # of Deaths	269	136	57	100	65	18	11	16	672
Ave. Death Age	81	76	77	71	74	70	69	75	77

- Of 210 reported COVID-19 associated deaths during April 1 - August 19, 2021, 92% (193) were among persons who were not fully vaccinated against COVID-19 prior to infection.
- COVID-19 associated deaths in August 2021 already surpass those in July 2021.



CDC - LEVELS OF COUNTY COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION

– 8/17/2021-8/23/2021



100+

50-99

10-49

0-9

Erie County is currently at 107

● High ● Substantial ● Moderate ● Low ● No Data



DELTA VARIANT

- **Delta is different from previous strains**
 - Highly contagious (2x original U.S. strains)
 - May be more severe
 - Breakthrough vaccinated and unvaccinated cases may have same level of transmission risk
- **Vaccines prevent >90% of severe disease and may be less effective at preventing infection or transmission**
 - Therefore, more breakthrough and more community spread despite vaccination
- **Non-pharmaceutical interventions (i.e., masks, social distancing) essential to prevent continued spread with current vaccine coverage**



NEW COVID-19 CASES AND HOSPITALIZATIONS AMONG ADULTS, BY VACCINATION STATUS — NYS, 5/3/21–7/25/21

- During 5/3/21–7/25/21, overall age-adjusted vaccine effectiveness (VE) against hospitalization in NYS was relatively stable (91.9%–95.3%).
- The overall age-adjusted vaccine effectiveness against infection for all NY adults ↓ from 91.7% to 79.8%.

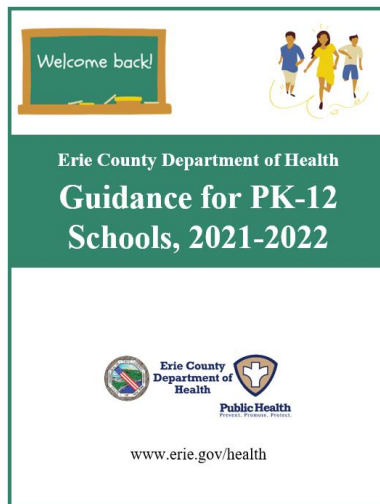
ERIE COUNTY RESPONDS



ECDOH SCHOOL GUIDANCE

WWW.ERIE.GOV/COVID19/SCHOOLS

• Guidance Document



• Summary

SUMMARY: ERIE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH GUIDANCE FOR IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION AT PRE-K TO GRADE 12 SCHOOLS, 2021-2022

This is a summary of the Eerie County Department of Health's Guidance for In-person Instruction at Pre-K to Grade 12 schools for the 2021-2022 year. The goal of the Eerie County Department of Health (ECDOH) in issuing this guidance are to return all students to an in-person learning experience, while also ensuring the safety of all students, faculty, and staff by reducing the risk of COVID-19 disease transmission in school settings, and maintaining staff and student time in classroom settings and extracurricular activities during the 2021-2022 school year. This guidance applies to public and private elementary (including pre-kindergarten), middle, and high schools in Eerie County. This guidance is subject to change. The complete document is available at www.erie.gov/COVID19/schools.

- 1. Masking:** Face masks are required indoors for all individuals age 2 years and older, regardless of vaccination status, at all times in all classroom and non-classroom settings, and buses. Masks are strongly recommended outdoors. Mask breaks may be taken by students once every hour for approximately 5 minutes. Students should be seated and stationary at their desks during mask breaks. If students are seated closer than 6 feet, stagger breaks so that students closer than 6 feet are not taking breaks at the same time. Persons who cannot wear a mask, or cannot safely wear a mask because of a disability or condition, should work with the school for a reasonable accommodation.
- 2. Physical Distancing:** Schools should implement physical distancing to the extent possible within their facilities but should not exclude students from in-person learning to meet a minimum distance requirement. Several studies from the 2020-2021 school year show low COVID-19 transmission levels among students in schools that had less than 6 feet of physical distance when the school implemented and layered other prevention strategies, such as the use of masks. The guidance document outlines recommendations for students, staff, band, chorus or orchestra, housing and transportation, and cohousing.
- 3. Health Monitoring:** ECDOH requires daily health screenings, including temperature and a COVID-19 symptom check upon entry into school of all students, faculty, staff, contractors, vendors, and visitors to identify individuals who may have COVID-19. ECDOH requires that if a student or staff member develops COVID-19 symptoms while at school, regardless of vaccination status, the ill person must immediately be placed in an isolation room at school and picked up by a parent/guardian if a student or sent home if a staff member. ECDOH requires schools to maintain isolation areas/rooms separated from others for students or staff who are exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms. These designated rooms should be maintained, cleaned, and logged.
- 4. Returning to School Following Illness:** The guidance document outlines return-to-school requirements for students and staff following COVID-19-like illness or a positive COVID-19 test. ECDOH offers free COVID-19 PCR testing to symptomatic Eerie County residents and close contacts of confirmed cases. Other local testing sites are listed at www.erie.gov/COVID19/schools. COVID-19 diagnostic testing is fully covered by all health insurance plans per federal mandates.

A negative at-home COVID-19 test result will NOT be accepted to return a student to school or school staff to work.

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- 5. When the School Receives Notice of a COVID-19 Positive Case:** ECDOH requires schools to notify the ECDOH school team of all positive COVID-19 cases reported by staff, students, or guardians. The school is required to prepare a list of classroom, bus, sports, and extracurricular activities close contacts. Close contacts are defined as students who are within 5 feet of teachers/staff who are within 6 feet from the positive COVID-19 case for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period during a time the case was infectious.

- 6. Quarantine:** ECDOH uses the close contact definition along with the duration of exposure, proximity, and presence of symptoms to determine who is an exposed contact and therefore subject to quarantine. Schools are required to cooperate with contact tracing to determine close contacts and complete contact information. ECDOH will notify parents and staff who are considered to be contacts exposed to a COVID-19 case. Persons are considered fully vaccinated for COVID-19 25 weeks after they have received the second dose in a 2-dose series (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna), or 25 weeks after they have received a single-dose vaccine (Johnson & Johnson J&J/Janssen). The guidance document outlines quarantine requirements for fully vaccinated and unvaccinated close contacts.

- 7. Youth Sports:** ECDOH requires schools to notify the ECDOH school team of all youth sports positive COVID-19 cases reported by coaches, staff, students, or guardians. The guidance document outlines criteria to pause sports team activities and/or quarantine unvaccinated players and coaching staff. If a school or district shifts students to virtual learning because of the number of COVID-19 cases in a building or district, all youth sports associated with the school are required to stop for the duration of the virtual learning period.

- 8. COVID-19 Vaccination:** Vaccination is currently the leading public health prevention strategy to end the COVID-19 pandemic. Preventing vaccination can help schools safely continue in-person learning as well as extracurricular activities and sports. Fully vaccinated individuals will not be subject to the same quarantine requirements as those who are not fully vaccinated in most circumstances.

- 9. COVID-19 Screening Testing:** COVID-19 screening testing is recommended for students and staff who are not fully vaccinated at least once per week during moderate, substantial, and high transmission as per CDC guidance. ECDOH continues to work with schools to implement COVID-19 screening testing programs to those interested.

- 10. Cleaning and Disinfection:** In general, cleaning once a day sufficiently removes potential virus that may be on surfaces. Disinfecting (using disinfectants on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency COVID-19 list <http://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/active-ingredients-registered-for-use-as-disinfectants>) removes any remaining germs on surfaces, which further reduces any risk of spreading infection. If a facility has had a sick person or someone who tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 24 hours, clean AND disinfect the space.

- 11. Ventilation:** ECDOH encourages improving ventilation (HVAC and air filtration systems), bringing fresh outdoor air into buildings, opening multiple doors and windows, and using child-safe fans. During transportation, open or crack windows in buses and other forms of transportation, if doing so does not pose a safety risk.

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SCHOOL MITIGATION STRATEGIES

- Masking
- Physical Distancing
- Health Monitoring
- Return to School following illness
- Reporting COVID-19 Cases to ECDOH
- Quarantine Principles
- Youth Sports
- Vaccination
- Screening Testing
- Cleaning and Disinfection
- Ventilation



ECDOH SCHOOL COVID-19 TESTING PROGRAM

- Screening testing with school districts (random sampling of students whose parents have provided consent)
- Proximate testing for classrooms with confirmed exposures (with parent permission)



VACCINE DISTRIBUTION BY ZIP CODE (LOWEST RATES, AS OF AUGUST 24)

ZIP Code	City	% of 0-19 population vaccinated (with at least one dose)	% of 20-34 population vaccinated (with at least 1 dose)	% of 35-64 population vaccinated (with at least 1 dose)	% of 65+ population vaccinated (with at least 1 dose)	% of 20+ Population Vaccinated (with at least 1 dose)
14034	Collins	19.4%	23.7%	29.7%	80.2%	35.4%
14112	North Evans	n/a	22.2%	n/a	46.7%	36.2%
14061	Farnham	2.2%	14.0%	41.8%	100.0%	38.2%
14070	Gowanda	14.3%	23.2%	38.0%	65.4%	39.5%
14035	Collins Center	5.9%	100.0%	30.2%	100.0%	44.4%
14030	Chaffee	11.5%	40.2%	45.0%	71.5%	50.1%
14170	West Falls	18.4%	54.9%	43.3%	100.0%	54.0%
14208	Buffalo	14.2%	38.5%	67.4%	60.8%	55.6%
14004	Alden	16.5%	41.2%	54.0%	74.5%	56.2%
14211	Buffalo	16.4%	41.6%	60.6%	73.4%	56.9%
14111	North Collins	16.5%	42.0%	52.1%	100.0%	57.1%
14080	Holland	17.3%	42.9%	52.0%	84.2%	57.5%
14210	Buffalo	18.0%	42.0%	63.1%	74.4%	57.6%
14025	Boston	18.8%	63.7%	55.1%	60.0%	57.8%
14206	Buffalo	16.8%	44.8%	61.1%	67.9%	57.9%
14215	Buffalo	13.4%	38.0%	61.5%	91.7%	58.0%
14204	Buffalo	11.9%	46.4%	60.5%	77.9%	60.0%

New York State COVID-19 Vaccination Demographics: Age Group

Data as of: 8/23/2021 11 AM

Region (All)

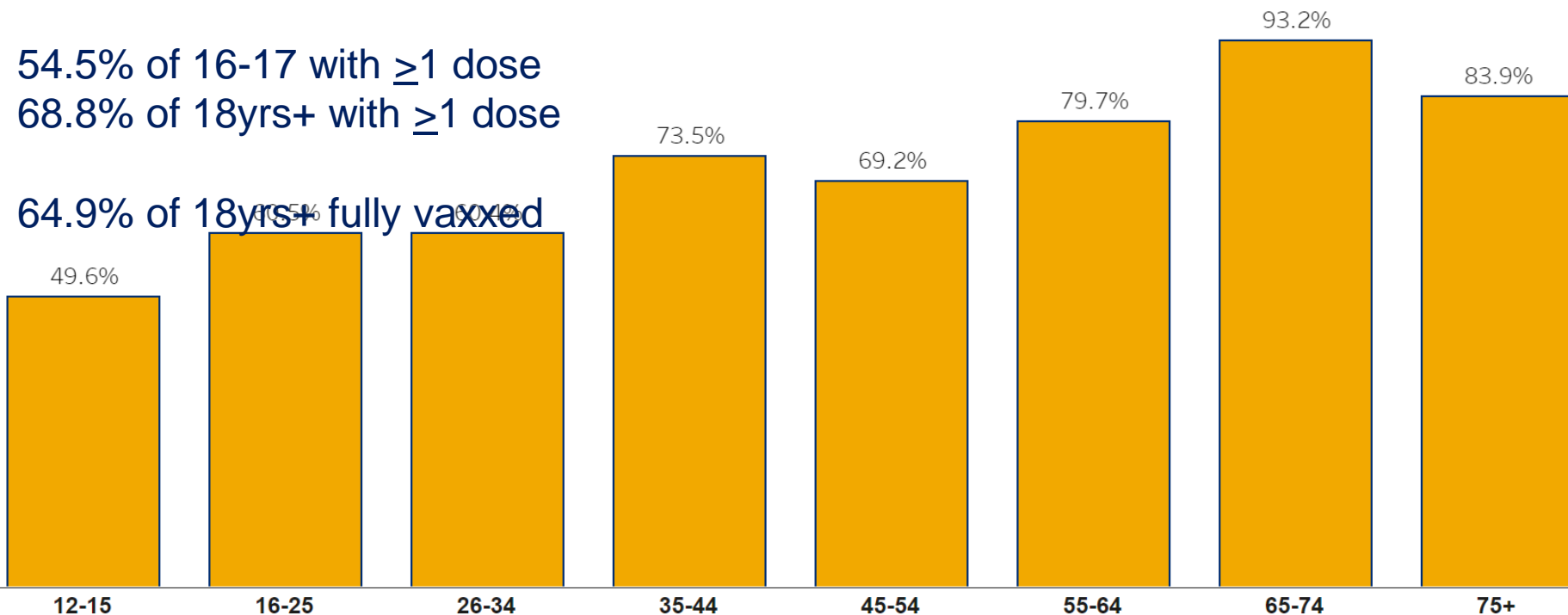
County Erie

- ☒ People with at least one Vaccine Dose
- ☐ People with completed Vaccine Series

% of Population Vaccinated by Age Group

54.5% of 16-17 with ≥ 1 dose
68.8% of 18yrs+ with ≥ 1 dose

64.9% of 18yrs+ fully vaxxed





Department of Health

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Executive Deputy Commissioner

DATE: August 23, 2021
TO: Health Care Providers, Health Care Facilities, and Local Health Departments
FROM: New York State Department of Health

Guidance: COVID-19 Vaccination Guidance for People who are Pregnant, Lactating, or Planning to Become Pregnant

- Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC), the American College of Obstetricians & Gynecologists (ACOG) and the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine (SMFM) **recommend that all pregnant individuals be vaccinated against COVID-19.**
- This recommendation is based on analysis of safety data on 2,500 women receiving the COVID-19 vaccine. This analysis showed no increased risk of miscarriage for those who received at least one dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine before 20 weeks of pregnancy.
- Vaccination of pregnant people against COVID-19 also serves to build antibodies which may protect their baby from COVID-19 infection.
- No one should be denied access to a COVID-19 vaccine simply because they are pregnant, planning to be pregnant, or lactating.
- People who are pregnant, planning to be pregnant, and/or lactating **are not required** to consult with a healthcare provider prior to being vaccinated and do not need to provide proof of permission from a healthcare provider to get vaccinated.
- People who are pregnant, planning to be pregnant, and/or lactating may receive any of the three COVID-19 vaccines currently authorized by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for emergency use.
- Data has shown that pregnant people are more likely to experience severe complications and even death when infected with COVID-19 compared with non-pregnant people. Severe illness includes illness that requires hospitalization, intensive care, or a ventilator or special equipment to breathe, or illness that results in death. Additionally, pregnant people with COVID-19 might be at increased risk of adverse pregnancy outcomes, such as preterm birth, compared with pregnant women without COVID-19. Getting a COVID-19 vaccine during pregnancy can help protect you from severe illness from COVID-19.

ECDOH VACCINE OUTREACH

- ECDOH & community health workers partnering to on education and vaccination outreach in ZIPs with lower vaccination rates
- Scheduling school-based clinics
- ECDOH schedule at www.erie.gov/vax
- Vax Visits: get vaccinated at home at no cost!!
 - Call (716) 858-2929



ERIE COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH LAB

DIAGNOSTIC COVID-19 TESTING

- Know your status – including anyone who is symptomatic or a close contact, regardless of vaccination status
- Appointments required - call (716) 858-2929
- Erie County residents can access free diagnostic testing through our sites
 - PCR (molecular) test results – available in 1-3 business days
 - Point-of-care (rapid) test results – available on site



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS



LIVE WELL ERIE COVID 19 CHILDCARE TASKFORCE

1. NACO ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNER: ERIE COUNTY NY VIRTUAL LEARNING SUPPORT CENTERS



2. COST OF CARE STUDY



LIVE WELL ERIE COVID 19 HOUSING TASKFORCE

1. Emergency Rental Assistance Program

- 7,521 applications received
- 426 payments processed*
- \$ 2,739,172.08 total payments
 - Rent Arrears: \$1,998,462.58
 - Prospective: \$740,709.50
 - Info Sharing permission
- Contractors:
 - Belmont, CAO, 211, NLS, CELJ, VLP, WNYLC and LAB and the Martin Group



2. 2021 Housing Resource Guide



LIVE WELL ERIE COVID 19 HOUSING TASKFORCE

2. Moving Forward Together Grant

- Develop a comprehensive, multi-tiered approach.
- Client-Centered, Trauma Informed, Coordinated
- Tiers
 - Eviction Diversion
 - Homelessness Prevention
 - Mobility Support
 - Housing Policy
 - Affordable Housing



LIVE WELL ERIE COVID 19 HOUSING TASKFORCE

Moving Forward Together Grant

- Key Deliverables
 - Promising Practice Review
 - Key Informant/Focus Group
 - Environmental Scan
 - Promising Practice Briefs
 - Process Mapping
 - Strategic Plan
 - Implementation Strategy
 - Governance Plan



GUN VIOLENCE TASK FORCE

- Gun Violence Prevention Executive Order #22

Expanded Summer Youth Employment Program

- Increased Funding - \$530,729

Target Population

- City of Buffalo – Targeted Zip Codes
(14201, 14202, 14203, 14204, 14205, 14206, 14207, 14208, 14209, 14211, 14212, 14213, 14214, 14215)
- Participants ages 14-24
- At or Below 200% FPL

Program Design

- Program Support Services
- Program Wages and Hours
- PIVOT Program

Orientation



UPDATES FROM LIVE WELL ERIE WORK GROUPS

1. EVERY CHILD DESERVES A CHANCE TO SUCCEED

2. EMPOWERING WORKING FAMILIES

3. SUPPORTING OUR SENIORS



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Children's Work Group Meetings

July 16, 2021

August 19, 2021

Next Meeting September 17, 2021

Children's Work Group Meeting Activities

- **Poll:** Attendees were polled about their interest in returning to in-person meetings. With the caveat that any in-person meeting would abide by the social distancing and masking requirements of the venue in which it is held, the majority of the respondents (8/12) voted yes to in-person meetings, with 1/12 voting no and 3/12 not responding to the poll.
- **Who Needs to be at the Table:** Each Subgroup was given a document on the shared drive listing out the missing groups/people identified during the very first Live Well Erie Task Force meeting. Members identified what organizations, businesses, and individuals were missing from the room and who we needed to be invited into the process in order to advance our goals and contribute to our work.
- **Continued Review of Initiatives/Goals:** Workgroup members of each subgroup were urged to consider the multiple indicators and to not limit themselves to working on the indicator which was chosen by previous meeting attendees if the current meeting attendees have interest or expertise in a different indicator.
- **Continued Work on Logic Model:**
 - Goal Group #1 Children will Grow Up in a Safe, Stable, and Supportive Community: Improve services by implementing evidence-based models including trauma informed care and strengthening families
 - Goal Group #2 Children will achieve comprehensive health: Focus on childhood obesity
 - Goal Group #3 Children will realize their greatest potential: TBD

Next Steps

- UB School of Social Work Intern to support Live Well Erie Children's Workgroup
- Continue strategy development and input into Logic Model



EMPOWERING WORKING FAMILIES

- Working Families has been meeting monthly since January. At our last Working Families meeting, Felicia Beard, presented to our workgroup on the Racial Equity Roundtable and the Racial Equity Impact Analysis instrument. Our subcommittee co-chairs met on August 10th. We are finalizing our recalibrated community strategies and will begin developing implementation plans for each strategy in the coming months. Our implementation strategy will be informed by the work the implementation team did during the recent LWE retreat.
- **Working Families Goals:**
 - Families Will Have Safe, Affordable Housing
 - Families Will Have Greater Financial Security
 - Families Will Have Access to Quality, Affordable Child Care
- **Working Families Subcommittees and co-chairs:**
 - Workforce de/re-development and Asset Building (Felicia Beard & Geoff Szymanski)
 - Housing (Paul D'Orlando & Anna Michotek)
 - Mobility (Frank Cammarata)
 - Accessible and affordable quality childcare (Penny Snell, Brian Pilarski, Kayley Donaldson)
- **Next Live Well Erie Working Families Work Group meeting will be September 23 at 8:30 am.**



SUPPORTING OUR SENIORS

- **Goal 1: Older Adults will be able to maintain an active and stimulating social life as they age.**
- **Goal 2: Erie County will be accessible to people of all ages.**
- **Goal 3: Older Adults will be able to maintain financial security throughout their lives.**
- **COVID Major Focus for last year**
 - Decided on Four Committees- Transportation, Mental Health, Nutrition, Financial Security
 - Some Committees are working on more than one goal
 - Re-thinking Strategies and goals as we move into the next phase of COVID
 - Several collaborative grant applications have developed from these connections



SUPPORTING OUR SENIORS

- **Full Committee met two time since last implementation team meeting.**
 - Discussion phased re-opening of senior centers, success of the Go & Dine Program and Frozen meal delivery program, working on the Complete Streets initiative, anti-stigma trainings around older adults and mental health and we developed a Medicaid 101 training.
 - We are looking for more members, particularly from community organizations and nonprofits that work with older adults
 - Good time to join the committee as we are re-evaluating our goals/strategies to see if there is alignment with what other CBO's are working on as we head into 2022.



SUPPORTING OUR SENIORS

- **Major summer Project was the Elder Law Virtual Summer Series.**
 - This is the second time as a virtual event.
 - 12 presentations/16 presenters.
 - Legal topics included: scams, evictions, stimulus check FAQ, kinship care, Medicaid, elder abuse and the new POA law280 attendees live-all videos on Senior Services website:
 - <https://www2.erie.gov/seniorservices/index.php?q=feature/2021-virtual-elder-law-day-summer-series>
 - We hope to go back to in-person next year.



TASK FORCE MEETING DATES

2021 Task Force Dates:

Thursday, November 18th at 9:00am- 10:30am

Thank you to all of our partners for joining us this morning.

