

COVID Monthly Report  
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As of 4/30/21 there have been 6,551 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Steuben County of which 176 are currently active. As of 4/1/21 there were 197 active cases, as of 2/26/21 there were 118 active cases, as of 1/28/21 there were 338 active cases and as of 12/30/2020 there were 604 active cases, indicating **there was an uptick in cases which has stabilized after the previous decline in cases.** Total # of COVID deaths in Steuben County were reported at 176. The 7 day average % positive tests in Steuben County on 4/30 was 4.2 % but it was only 1.93% in New York State overall.

Please see the excel work sheet for daily data on the number of cases in the City of Corning and other local municipalities. The data is from the Steuben County Health Department Facebook page.

Although the number of cases in New York State are much less, there are other areas in the world that are having a lot of COVID-19 cases. India and much of South America are in a very difficult situation with many COVID-19 deaths and severe illness. Per the New York Times, "The number of new daily cases in the world has exceeded 800,000 for more than a week. The spike is largely driven by the outbreak in India, which now accounts for more than 40 percent of the world's new cases. The U.S. plans to halt travel for non-U.S. citizens from India starting Tuesday."

COVID vaccinations are now being administered to NYS residents aged 16 years and older. The vaccines are being administered through NYS locally at Corning Community College where walk-in vaccinations are available 7 days a week 8AM to 6:30 PM. Steuben County has walk-in COVID-19 vaccinations available Monday-Friday 10AM-2PM at the Bath Civil Defense building and the Hornell Community Arts Center. There are also vaccines available at local pharmacies, and at Corning Hospital. They have become easier to schedule.

The Janssen (Johnson and Johnson) COVID-19 is a single dose vaccine. It was temporarily on hold because of rare cases of venous clots in the brain. However, the benefit of lives saved and serious COVID-19 complications prevented by receiving the vaccine far exceeded the risk of vaccine complications so the vaccine is again available. The other vaccines that have been in use

include the Pfizer vaccine which requires 2 doses 3 weeks apart and the Moderna vaccine which is 2 doses 4 weeks apart.

New York State has a web site at <https://am-i-eligible.covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/> to sign up to get a vaccine at a New York State location.

Pharmacies may have information on their web site about scheduling vaccinations. For example you can check Wegmans pharmacy at:

<https://www.wegmans.com/pharmacy/>.

Or you may call your local pharmacy or check other pharmacy's web sites for information.

Please go to the CDC web site at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html> for more information on coronavirus, COVID vaccines, and quarantine information. The NYS web site for coronavirus information and testing site information by zip code is <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/home>. The Steuben County Web Site for registering for a vaccine is <https://www.steubencony.org/pages.asp?PID=13959>

It is still important to wear a mask when in public even if fully vaccinated depending on the situation and risk. It should cover the nose, mouth, and chin to be effective. Remember to wash and/or sanitize hands, socially distance when appropriate. The CDC has new updated guidelines which discusses risk of certain activities and when masks and socially distancing are important(see above link)

If you get symptoms of coronavirus such as cough, fever, chills, achy muscles, new loss of taste or smell, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea isolate yourself and call your health care provider. If you have severe symptoms you may have to go to the hospital.

It's great to see the increased number of vaccinations available, but there are a fair number of people that are reluctant to get the COVID-19 vaccine. **I would encourage these people to change their mind and get the vaccine as it might help prevent serious illness or save someone's life.**

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