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### COVID – 19 Trend Update

The Chenango County Weekly Wastewater Surveillance Data Report showed an increase in SARS-CoV-2 levels over the past two weeks. The current SARS-CoV-2 detection level has changed our risk level to Substantial or HIGH. The Last sample was Aug 31, 2022. We will continue to monitor the COVID-19 trend carefully.

It is important for residents to be aware that the virus is still circulating. It is recommended to take personal protective measures. To decrease your chance of getting and spreading COVID-19 at the current High Level, it is recommended that the public take the following actions:

❖ Wear a mask indoors in public and on public transportation.

❖ Get Tested if you have symptoms.

If you have symptoms, test immediately.

If you were exposed to COVID-19 and do not have symptoms, wait at least 5 full days after your exposure before testing. If you test too early, you may be more likely to get an inaccurate result.

If you are in certain high-risk settings, you may need to test as part of a screening testing program.

Consider testing before contact with someone at high risk for severe COVID-19, especially if you are in an area with a medium or high COVID-19 Community Level.

❖ If you are at high risk for severe illness, consider taking additional precautions. More information about additional precautions can found

here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>

❖ Stay up to date with COVID-19 Vaccines and get a BOOSTER. We continue to plan and host vaccine clinics for those that would like one.

\*For Children under 2 years of age, please call Public Health – 607-337-1600 – to schedule an appointment.

The CDC Risk tracker (updated on September 5, 2022) also shows that Chenango County is at the HIGH risk level. Weekly Metrics Used by CDC to Determine the COVID-19 Community Levels are as follows:

\*\*Case Rate per 100,000 population – 235.13

\*\*New COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population – 11

\*\*Percent Staffed inpatient beds in use by patients with confirmed COVID-19 – 5.2%

Information from the CDC, including the local data tracker information used to determine risk level can be found at <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#datatracker-home>.

We appreciate the efforts of our local community members.

Thank You

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The New York State Wastewater Surveillance Network is a collaboration between the New York Department of Health (NYS DOH), the New York Department of Environmental Conservation (NY DEC), Syracuse University, SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry, Upstate Medical University, and participating counties. For additional local data and details on the network and its monitoring methods, visit <https://arcg.is/1PG0GP0>

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