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**PRESS RELEASE**  
**April 23, 2020 @ 2:00 p.m.**

**Chairman of the Wyoming County Board of Supervisors, Jerry L. Davis, reports:** As of earlier today, Thursday, April 23, the Wyoming County Health Department reports fifty-six (56) lab-confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 among Wyoming County residents. This is an increase of one (1) from Wednesday, April 22.

Quadrant	Positive Cases	Recoveries	Deaths
<i>Northwest (Attica, Bennington, Orangeville, Sheldon)</i>	17	7	
<i>Southwest (Arcade, Eagle, Java, Wethersfield)</i>	9	7	
<i>Southeast (Castile, Gainesville, Genesee Falls, Pike)</i>	13	8	
<i>Northeast (Covington, Middlebury, Perry, Warsaw)</i>	17	9	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>4</b>

Earlier today, the Wyoming County Community Health System confirmed the death of a skilled nursing facility resident from COVID-19. “On behalf of the entire health system, we offer our condolences to the family and loved ones of our resident. The focus of the Health System remains the health and safety of our residents, patients, staff and the community,” stated Joseph McTernan, CEO Wyoming County Community Health System.

County	# of Positive	# of Negative	Mandatory Isolation	Mandatory Quarantine	Precautionary Quarantine	# Deaths	# Recovered
Wyoming	56	358	21	36	1	4	31

**Cumulative Age Breakdown ~**

Age	0-20	20's	30's	40's	50's	60's	70's	80's	90+
<b>Wyoming</b>	2	11	3	12	9	10	5	3	1

Statistics will be on the Wyoming County homepage at <http://www.wyomingco.net/> under **County Quick Links**. Click on the **Genesee Orleans Wyoming County Health Department COVID-19 Case Tracker**, once you are on the Case Tracker go to the right side drop down menu and select Wyoming for the most up to date information. This site offers more information and a visual representation of positive COVID-19 cases for the entire region. These numbers are updated daily at approximately 4 pm with data provided by the Wyoming County Health Department.

**What is the source of the reporting data?**

The Wyoming County Health Department (WCHD) receives results of positive COVID-19 laboratory results, regardless of where the lab test was performed. Laboratories are required to report results through the New York State Department of Health *Electronic Clinical Laboratory Reporting System*. Throughout the day,

clinical staff receives updates regarding the number of tests conducted, and whether the test results are negative or positive for COVID-19. Positive cases are immediately contact traced by WCHD clinical staff.

**What is contact tracing?**

Contact tracing is the process of identifying people who may have had interaction with an infected person ("contacts") and collection of further information about these contacts. By tracing the close contacts of infected individuals, testing them for infection, restricting movement (quarantine), monitoring them and tracing their contacts in turn, public health officials reduce infections in the community. The goal of contact tracing is to interrupt ongoing transmission of illness and reduce spread of infection ("Slow the Spread").

**Why do different data sources report different numbers?**

Reports may be released at varying times of the day, using different source data and time/date cutoffs, which can create a discrepancy. Additionally, given the volume of COVID-19 testing and patients in New York State in a relatively short period of time, all counties in NY have noted that the NYS data has varied somewhat from locally reported data since the pandemic began.

You can find this and additional information on the county website under the **County News** heading by clicking on **Wyoming County Press Releases (COVID-19)**, **Genesee-Orleans-Wyoming Health Departments COVID-19 Case Tracker** and/or **COVID-19 Information** or by clicking on the following link:

<http://www.wyomingco.net/DocumentCenter/View/3804/COVID-19-Tracker-Reporting-FAQ?bidId=>

To obtain updated information and guidance, during the COVID-19 pandemic please contact the **Wyoming County Response Line at 786-8911**, Monday through Friday, from 8am to 5pm, or check the county website at: <http://www.wyomingco.net/> and under the County Quick Links click on COVID -19 information.

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**Jerry L. Davis, Chairman of the Board**