

Hello this is Walton Supervisor Joseph Cetta. We have all been living with this new reality for a couple weeks now, and the Town Board wanted to give you an update on the information we have from the Del Co Public Health briefings.

First, thank you to all of our residents who have maintained the social distancing and handwashing regulations that have been promoted by the President, Governor and local Officials.

The total of laboratory confirmed positive COVID-19 cases in Delaware County six (6). The investigations are ongoing and all contacts are being notified and quarantined. The first individual to test positive is fully recovered and no longer in isolation. Two (2) cases are recovering safely while isolating at home in Delaware County. Currently three (3) cases are isolated and receiving medical care in a hospital.

Totals:

There are 6 confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 in Delaware County. There are 13 people under mandatory quarantine and 5 people under precautionary quarantine. There have been 101 people tested; 15 with tests pending; and 77 negative results.

We know we have been joined by many of our second home owners as they wait out these days of isolation. Welcome, and we hope you feel safe and enjoy being here and getting outside at your home. If you have come from a "hot spot" in the metropolitan area, we ask that you self quarantine for the recommended 14 days.

For ALL our residents, please limit visitors and extra travel in and out of town. Limiting the number of people will surely help flatten the curve, and help get us back to normal as quickly as possible. Excessive travel back and forth from Walton may increase our exposure to the virus. Our rural health care system could quickly become overloaded with an increase in population if they are not following the protocols.

Our stores are doing a great job keeping shelves stocked, but we ask that you take extra precautions when you shop to help protect our most vulnerable populations. Also, hoarding is not necessary as the supply chains are still in place. Restaurants are open for takeout, but please maintain the distancing requirements when picking up your orders. And, of course, wash your hands often.

We know these times can be scary and cause anxiety. We have an elderly population who are concerned with catching the virus, and a smaller health care system which is struggling with getting supplies in and keeping stocked. Working together we will get through these trying times and come together as a community and a country, stronger for our shared experience.

For the most updated information from Delaware Co, please go to our website [townofwalton.org](http://townofwalton.org) or directly to the Delaware County website - [www.co.delaware.ny.us](http://www.co.delaware.ny.us)

Thank You and stay safe