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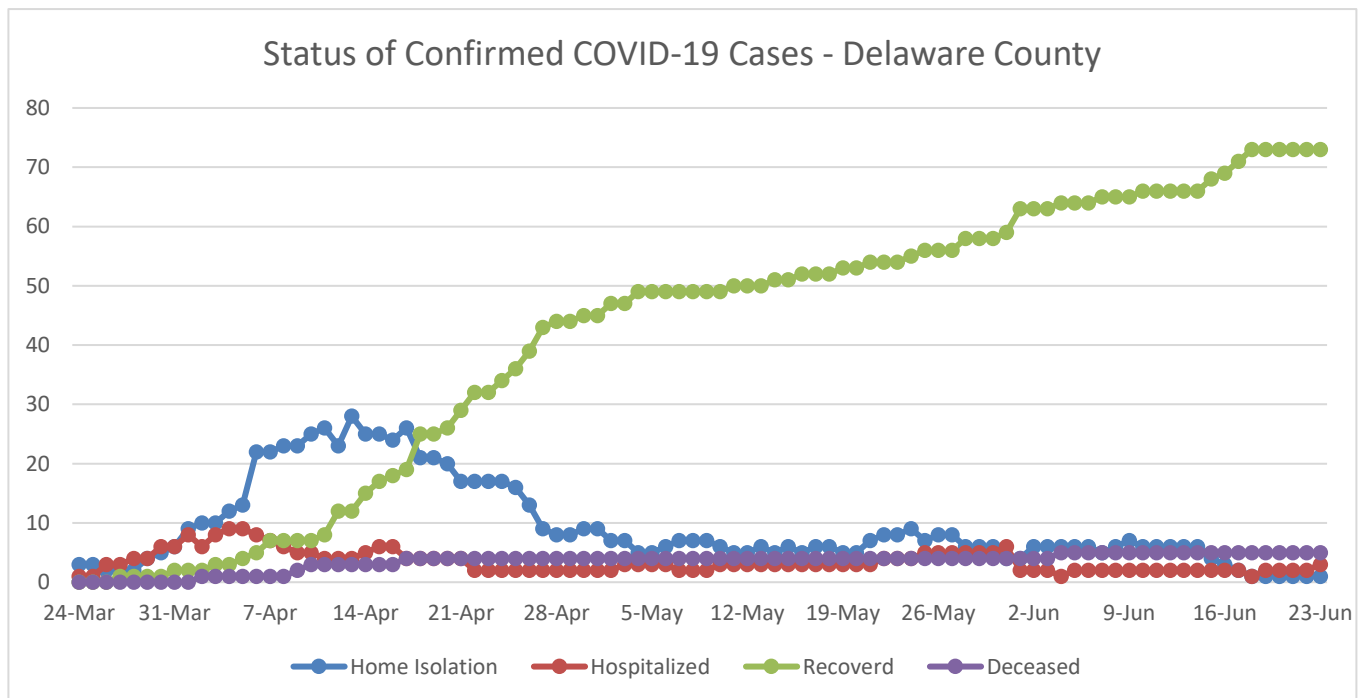
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Delaware County is reporting one new case of COVID-19 and no additional recoveries today. The known active cases in the County as of today is 4.

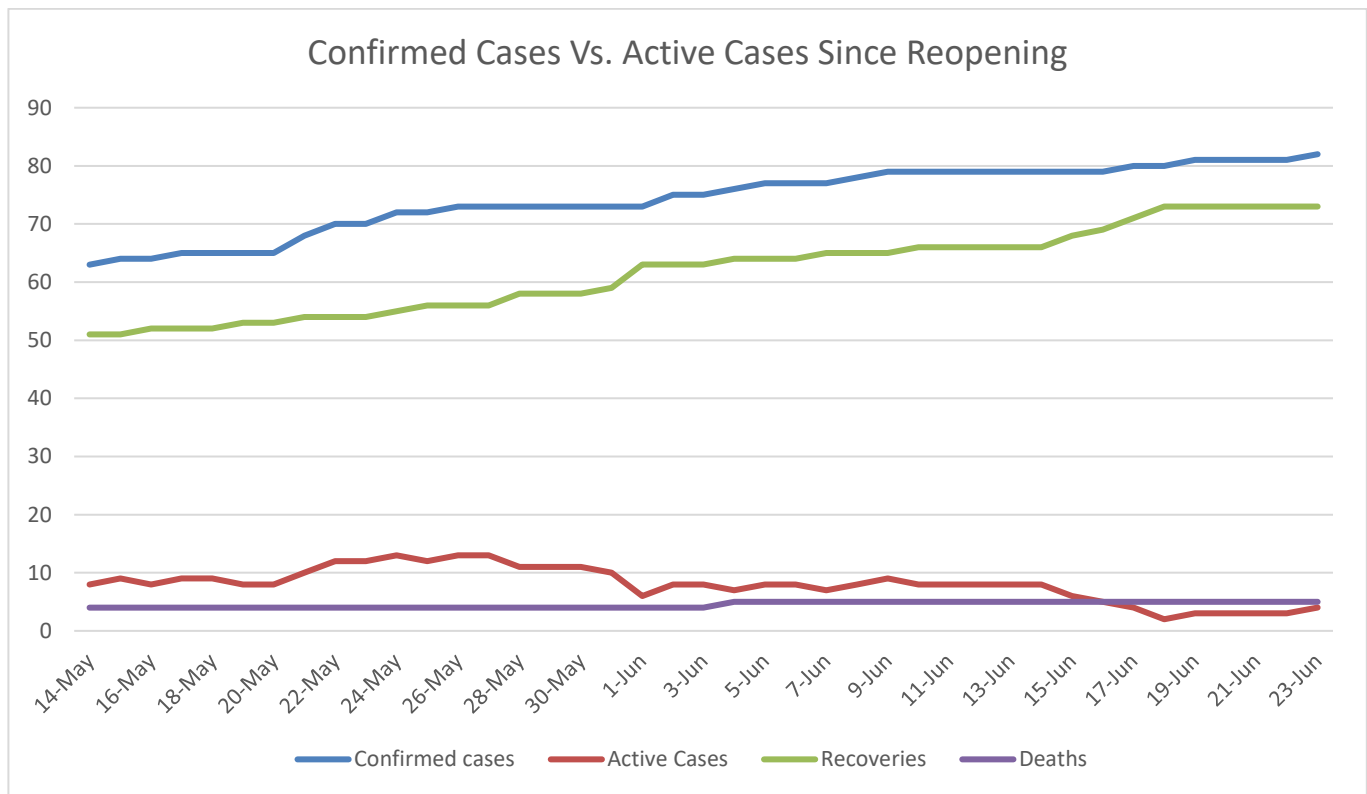
To date there have been 82 confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 in Delaware County, with an additional 12 people under mandatory quarantine and 5 people under precautionary quarantine. There have been 3262 negative results reported and we are waiting for results from 30 tests. As of today 1 of the confirmed active cases is isolated and receiving care in the hospital, 3 are isolated and being cared for at home, 5 people have died and 73 have fully recovered and are no longer isolated or receiving care.

The following chart is a representation of positive cases since March 23, 2020.

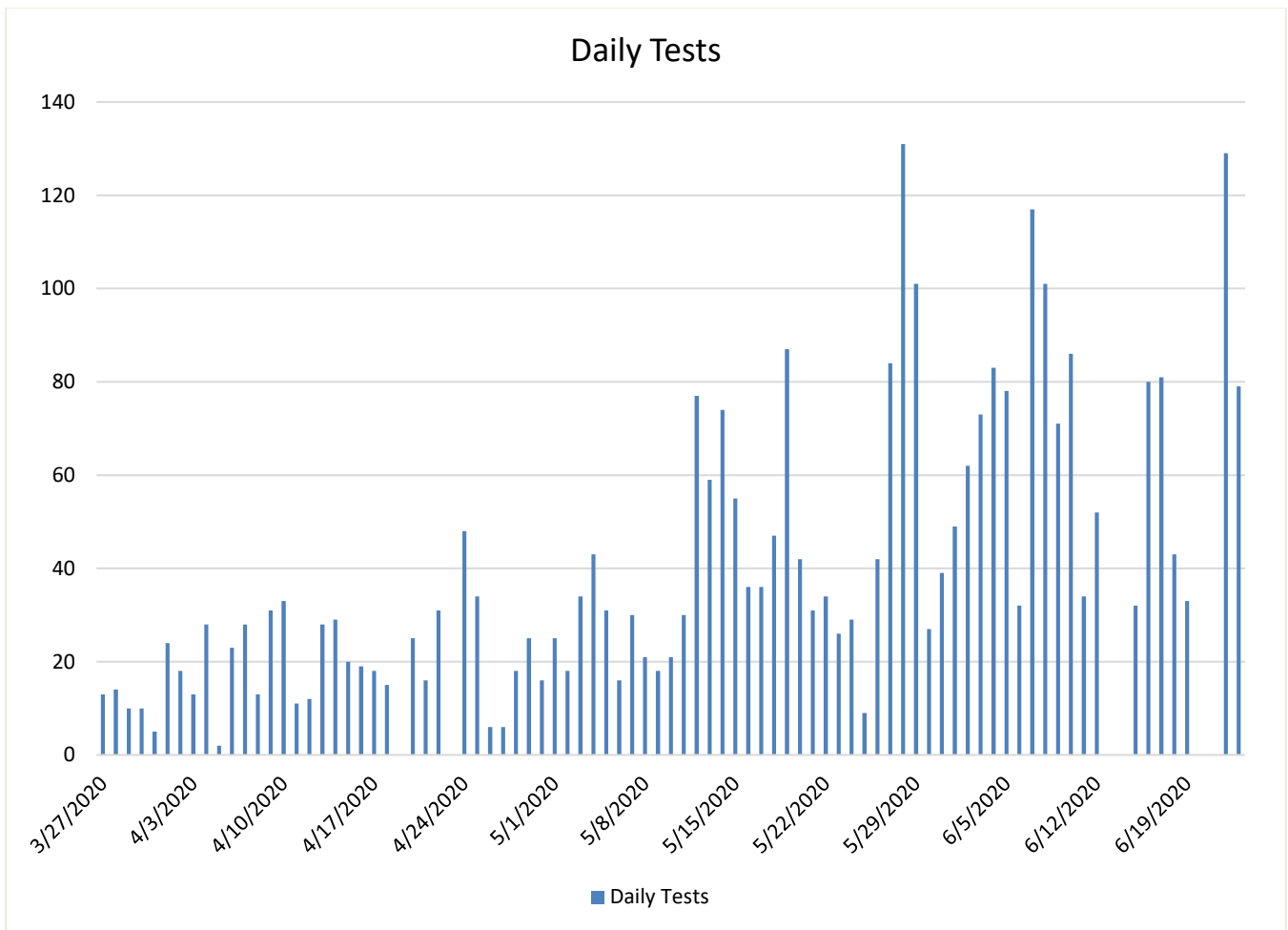


The following chart represents the number of cases since the beginning of phase 1 on May 15, 2020. The numbers have remained fairly consistent with confirmed cases and recoveries rising slowly, keeping the number of active cases and deaths fairly consistent from day to day.

As we continue to progress through the phases of reopening we are encouraging everyone to continue to socially distance yourselves and practice good hand washing, especially while in public spaces. These have proven to keep the number of active cases low, reducing the potential for a wide spread outbreak in the County. Phase 4 will allow for businesses and activities that will likely encourage gatherings. Please respect the requirements business owners have put into place to keep themselves and their customers safe as they reopen. Many of these requirements are mandated by the state and noncompliance could lead to a business being shut back down. It is imperative we work together to get the local economy going again.



Delaware County remains vigilant in testing residents with 3396 people tested to date. Currently 7.54% of the total population has been tested with test results being reported every day. It is important to understand that there have been 5920 tests performed which is being tracked by the regional control room. The numbers are different because the tests performed includes 2624 tests that have been completed on people that have already been tested at least one other time. These include those individuals that may need a negative test result as proof to return to work, essential workers that have had multiple potential exposures or even a person that is going into the hospital for an unrelated procedure and is tested as a precautionary measure. The following chart represents the total number of new daily tests on residents that have been done since March 26, 2020. It is not reflective of the total number of tests performed. We are working closely with the rest of the region to continue aggressive testing of residents so we can track cases as soon as possible and keep everyone safe as we are reopening the economy.



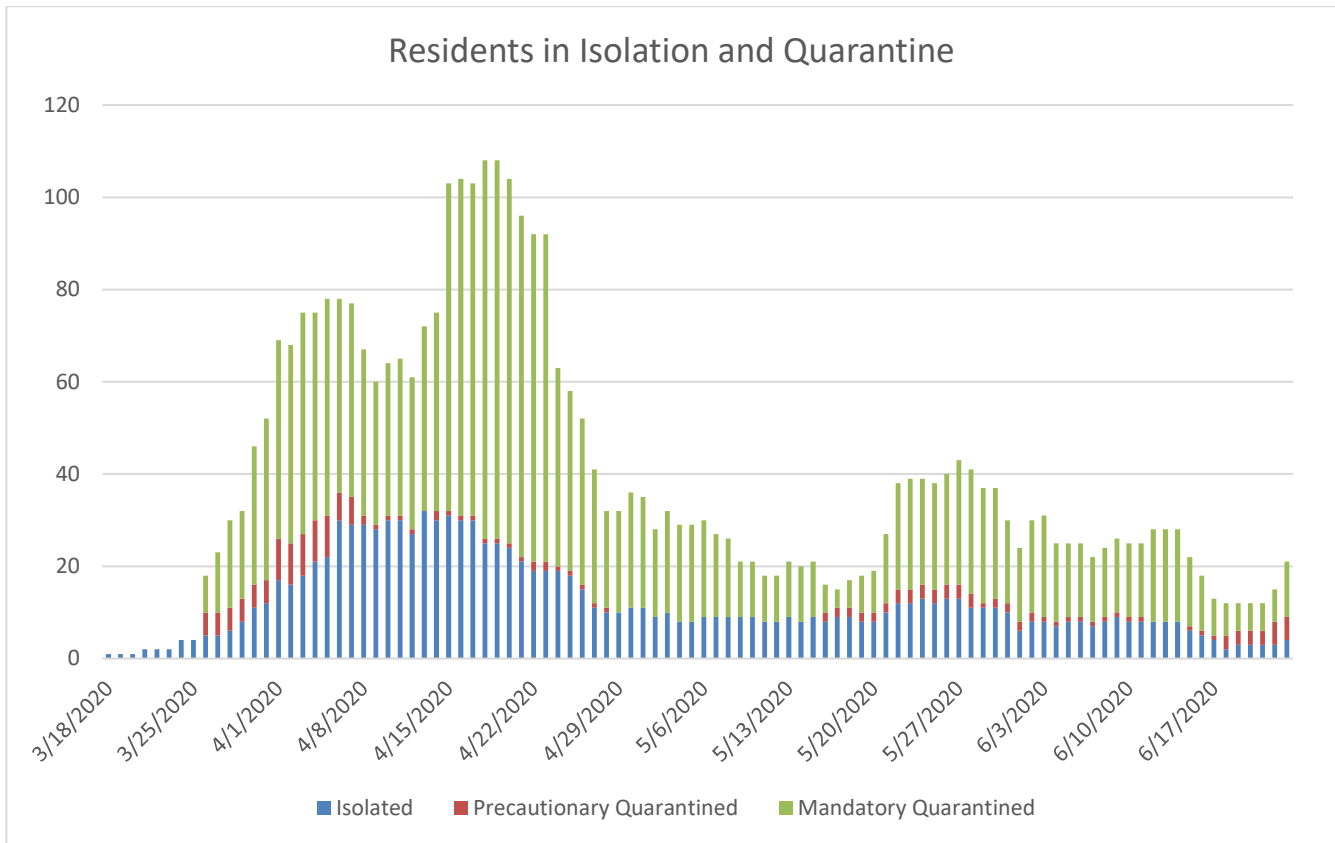
Another important measure that we need to be conscious of are the residents that have been placed under mandatory or precautionary quarantine.

A person that is placed under **Mandatory Quarantine** has been in close contact (6 feet or less separation) with someone who has tested positive, whether or not they are displaying symptoms for COVID-19.

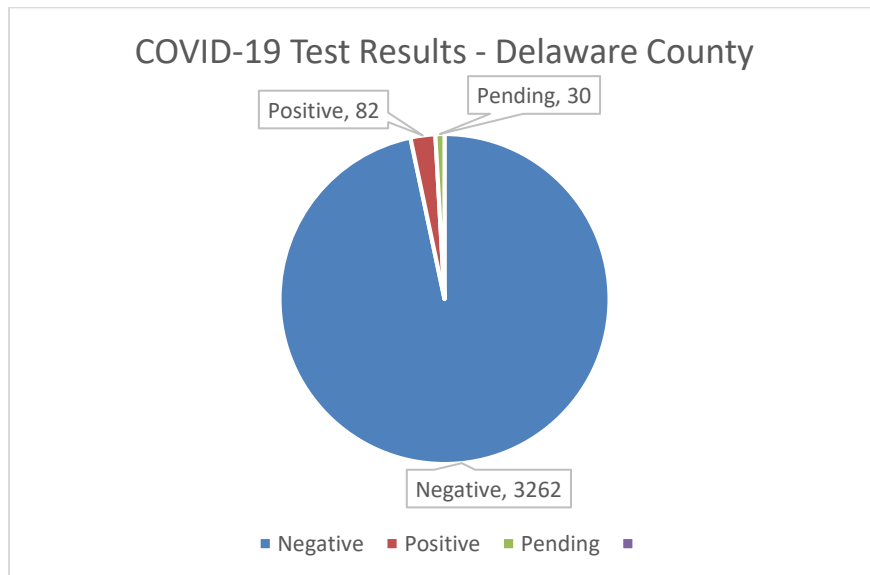
A person under **Mandatory Isolation** has tested positive for COVID-19, whether or not displaying symptoms for COVID-19.

A person placed under **Precautionary Quarantine** is known to have had a proximate exposure to a positive person but has not had direct contact with a positive person and is not displaying symptoms.

The flowing chart shows the number of residents quarantined and isolated.

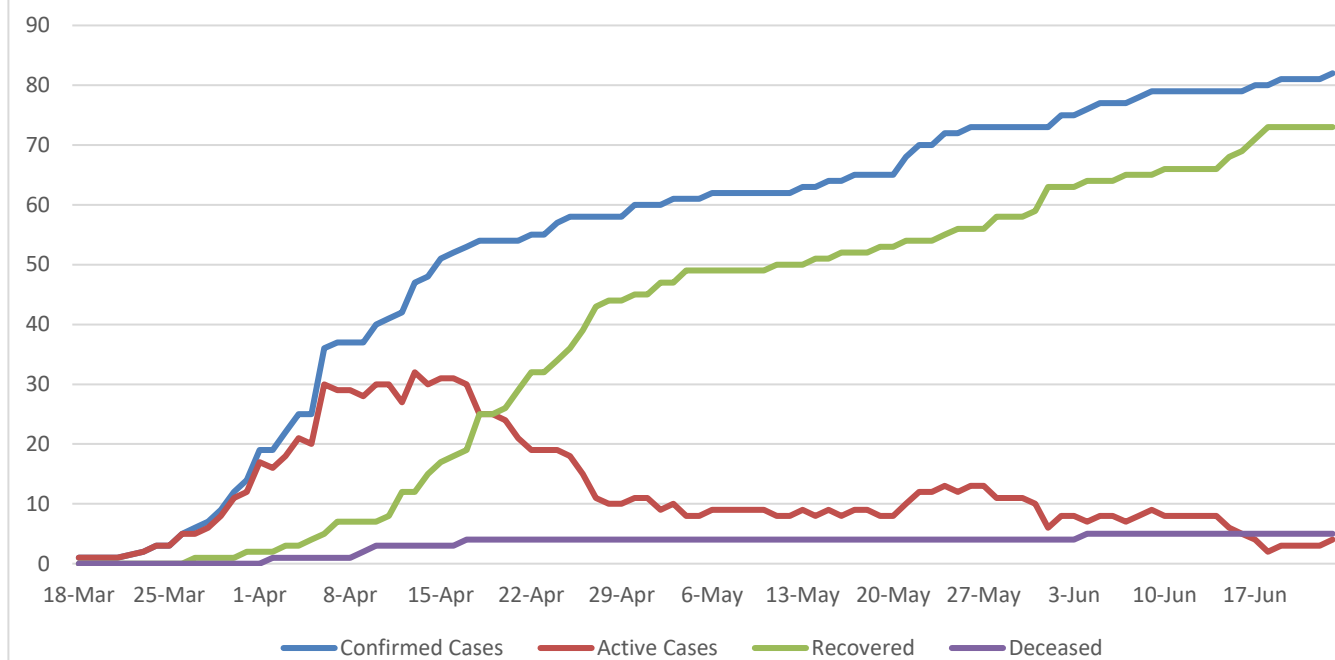


The following pie chart illustrates the amount of testing and the results reported:



The following chart represents the total number of confirmed cases in Delaware County in relationship to the number of those cases that have been discharged from care, deceased and active cases of the disease. The number of known active cases as of today is 4 and the number discharged is 73 while the number deceased remains 5.

Confirmed Active Cases v. Recoveries



Residents of Delaware County along with New York State have worked hard to decrease the number of exposures of COVID-19. As we work through the various phases of reopening it is essential to continue to follow public health guidance and prevention measures. COVID-19 is thought to primarily spread person-to-person via respiratory droplets through close contact. The Governor is now allowing for gatherings of 25 people or fewer in counties that have entered phase 3. As more and more gatherings begin to take place we are asking that you be aware of all social distancing recommendations and wash your hands regularly.

The Governor has announced graduation ceremonies with 150 people or fewer can take place as of June 26<sup>th</sup> and youth sports including baseball, softball, crew, cross-country, field hockey and gymnastics can resume as of July 6<sup>th</sup> with no more than two spectators per child. Schools are working directly with New York State to get graduation plans approved and we are waiting for guidance on youth sports protocol. For more information please visit the NY Forward website at <https://forward.ny.gov/phase-three-industries>.

As businesses reopen and people begin to visit stores and now restaurants please be aware of the state guidance and respect the business owner’s directives to wear face coverings and keep spacing between people. Businesses have gone to great lengths to comply with the State mandates and their ability to remain open is dependent on compliance. Please remember the Governor’s Executive Orders have stated that any business owner can refuse service if you do not comply. If anyone is concerned about a business or individual not complying with the safety guidelines, please DO NOT contact the Delaware County Public Health Office with complaints. You should file a complaint through New York State at <https://labor.ny.gov/workerprotection/laborstandards/coronavirus-complaints.shtm>.

As we approach the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday it is a reminder that many traditional summer events in the region may be cancelled or altered to comply with state regulations. We would like to remind Delaware County residents that these local events are the primary source of fundraising for several local fire departments, EMS squads, VFW and Legions and well as other local fraternal organizations. As events are canceled or limited we would remind you that you can still support these important organizations through a monetary donation. Any contribution will be welcome as it will help keep each of these organization available to serve the community as they have in the past.