



DELAWARE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Senator Charles D. Cook County Office Building
111 Main Street, Suite 1
Delhi, New York 13753

Telephone: 607-832-5110

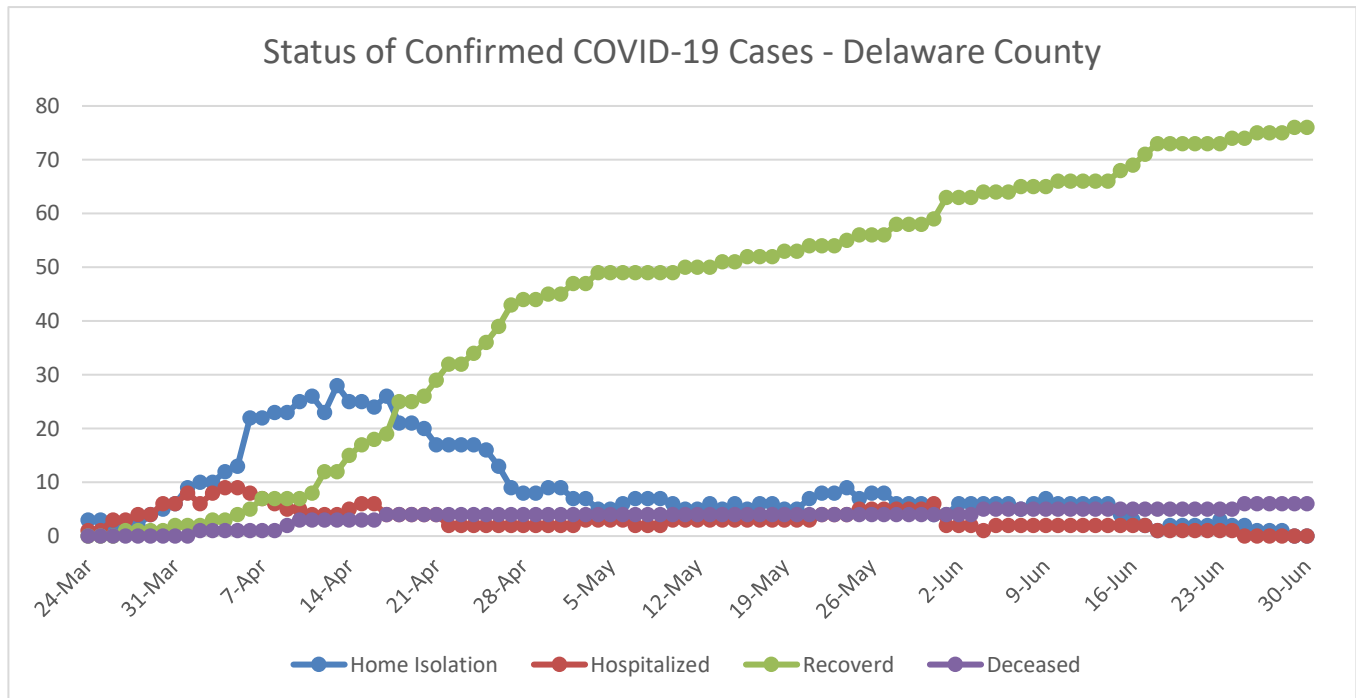
Tina B. Molé, Chairman
Christa M. Schafer, Clerk

PRESS RELEASE June 30, 2020

Phase 4 businesses in the Southern Tier are now reopening. The numbers we post each day are an indicator of the success we have had in keeping COVID-19 infections at a minimum in the County. This success has allowed us to get to this point, especially as we see other states seeing record highs in infections. It is necessary we continue to work together to keep ourselves safe and our business on the road to recovery. A description of the Phase 4 reopening can be found at the end of this daily report.

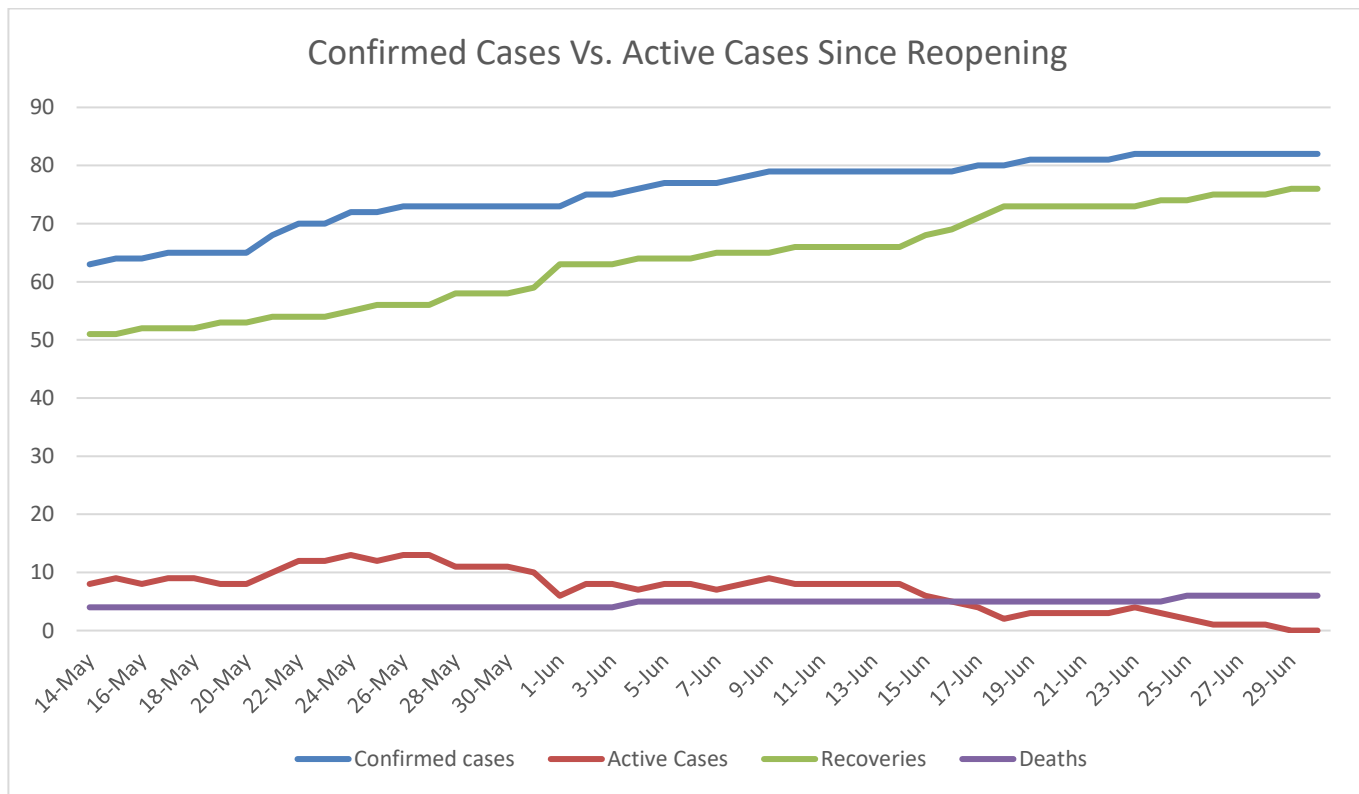
Delaware County is reporting no new cases of COVID-19 and no additional recoveries. The known active cases in the County as of today remains 0. To date there have been 82 confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 in Delaware County, with an additional 10 people under mandatory quarantine and 7 people under precautionary quarantine. There have been 3510 negative results reported and we are waiting for results from 19 tests. As of today none of the confirmed active cases are isolated and receiving care in the hospital, none are isolated and being cared for at home, 6 people have died and 76 have fully recovered and are no longer isolated or receiving care.

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

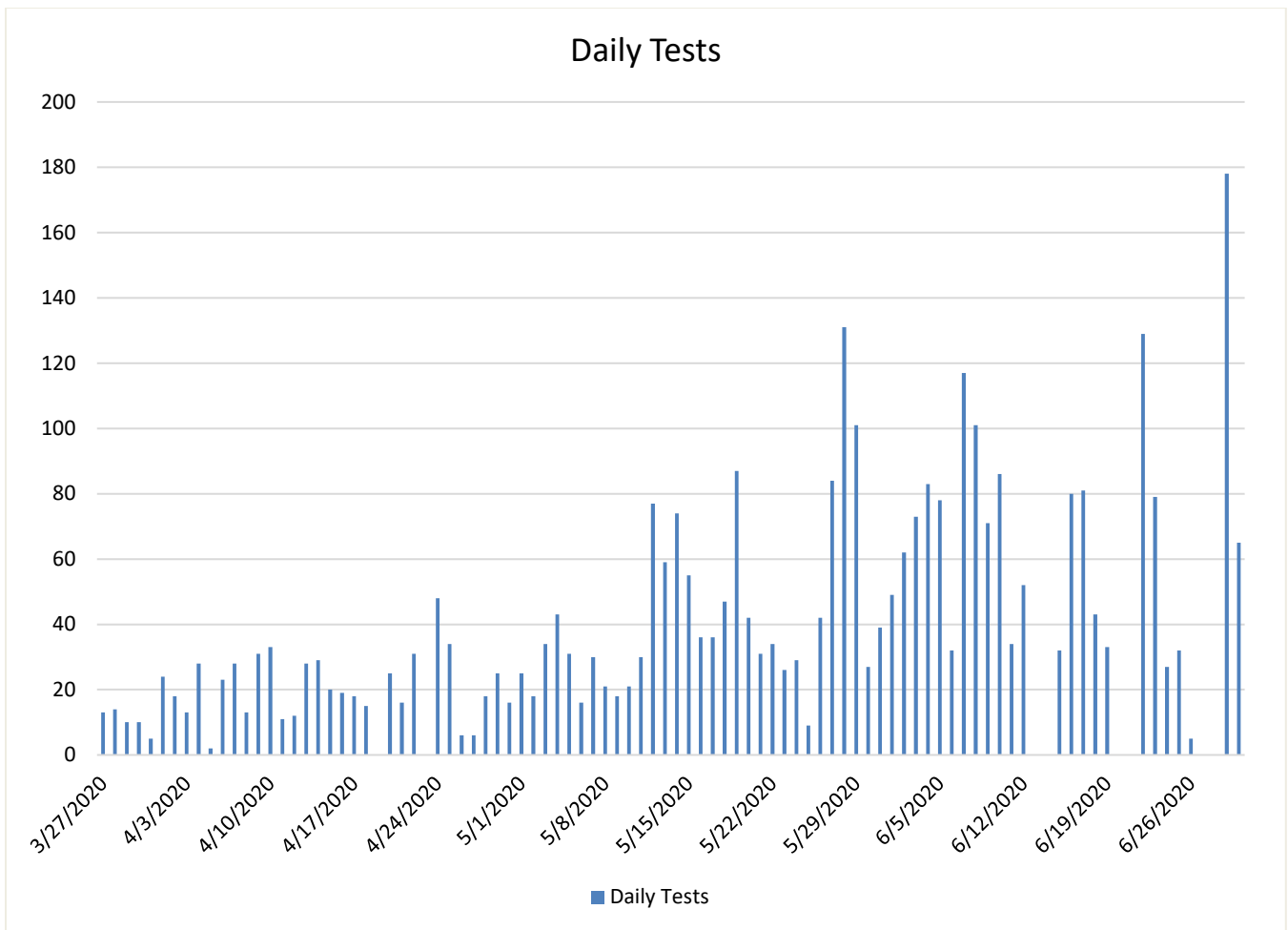


The following chart represents the number of cases since the beginning of phase 1 on May 15, 2020. The numbers have remained fairly consistent with confirmed cases and recoveries rising slowly, keeping the number of active cases and deaths fairly consistent from day to day.

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 allows 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 3703 people tested to date. Currently 8.23% of the total population has been tested with test results being reported every day. It is important to understand that there have been 6807 tests performed which is being tracked by the regional control room. The numbers are different because the tests performed includes 3104 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.



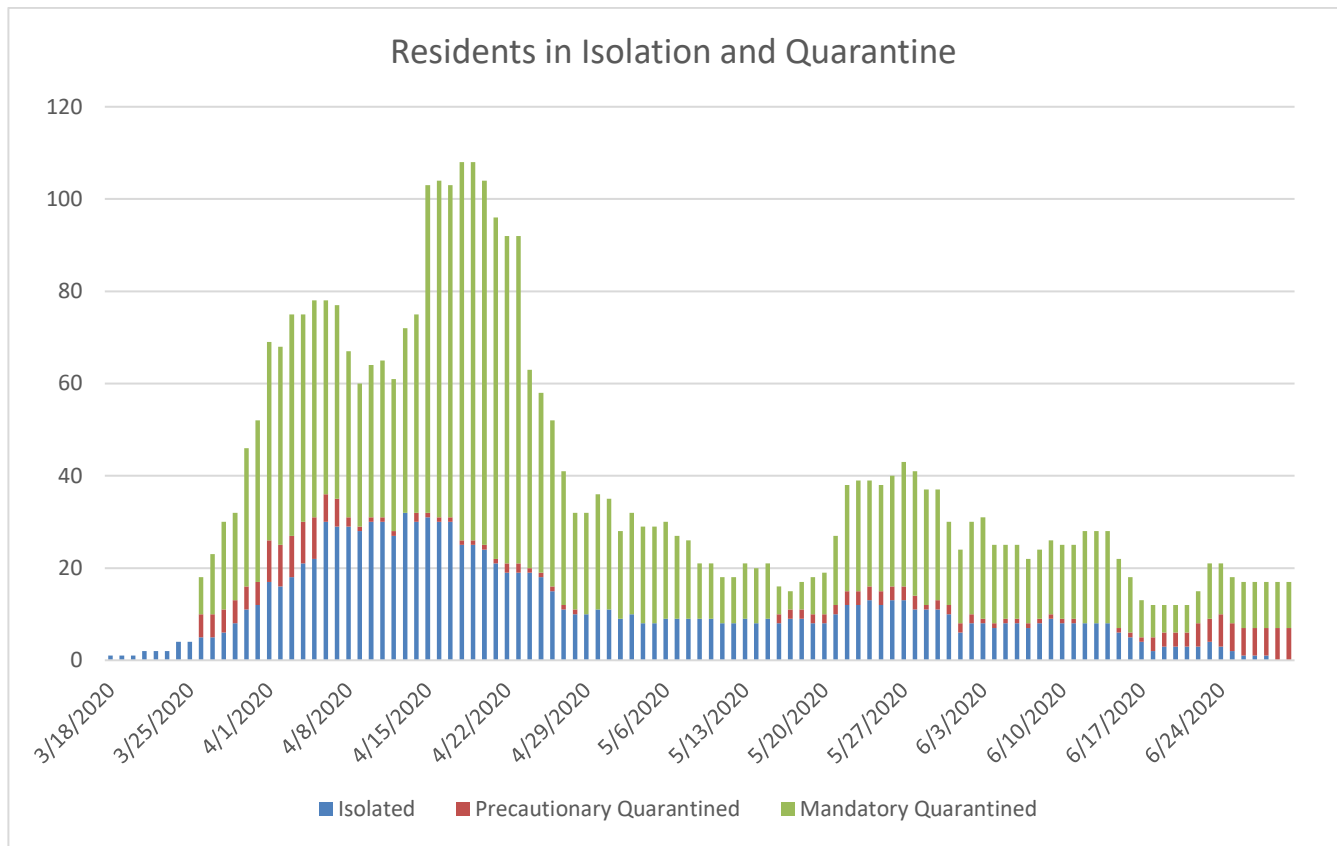
Another important measure that we need to be conscious of are the residents that have been placed under mandatory or precautionary quarantine.

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.

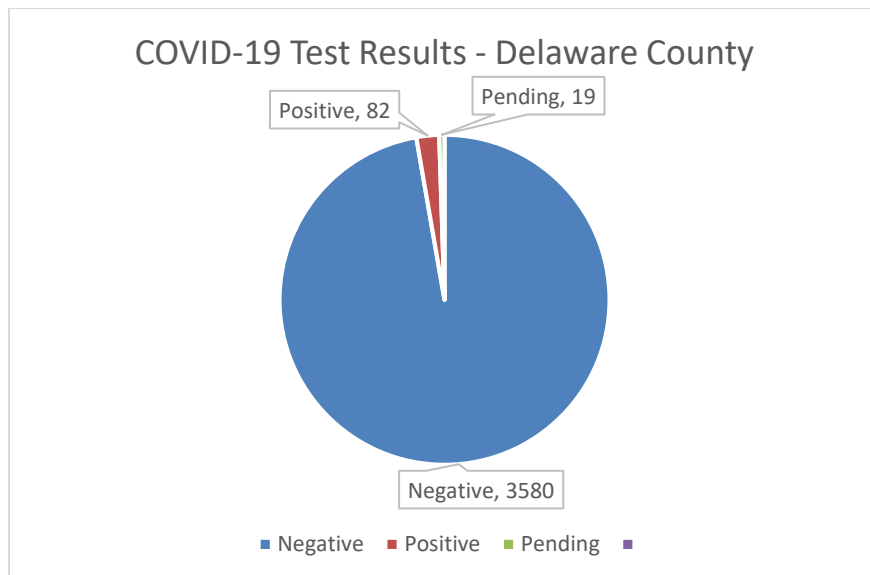
A person under **Mandatory Isolation** has tested positive for COVID-19, whether or not displaying symptoms for COVID-19.

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.

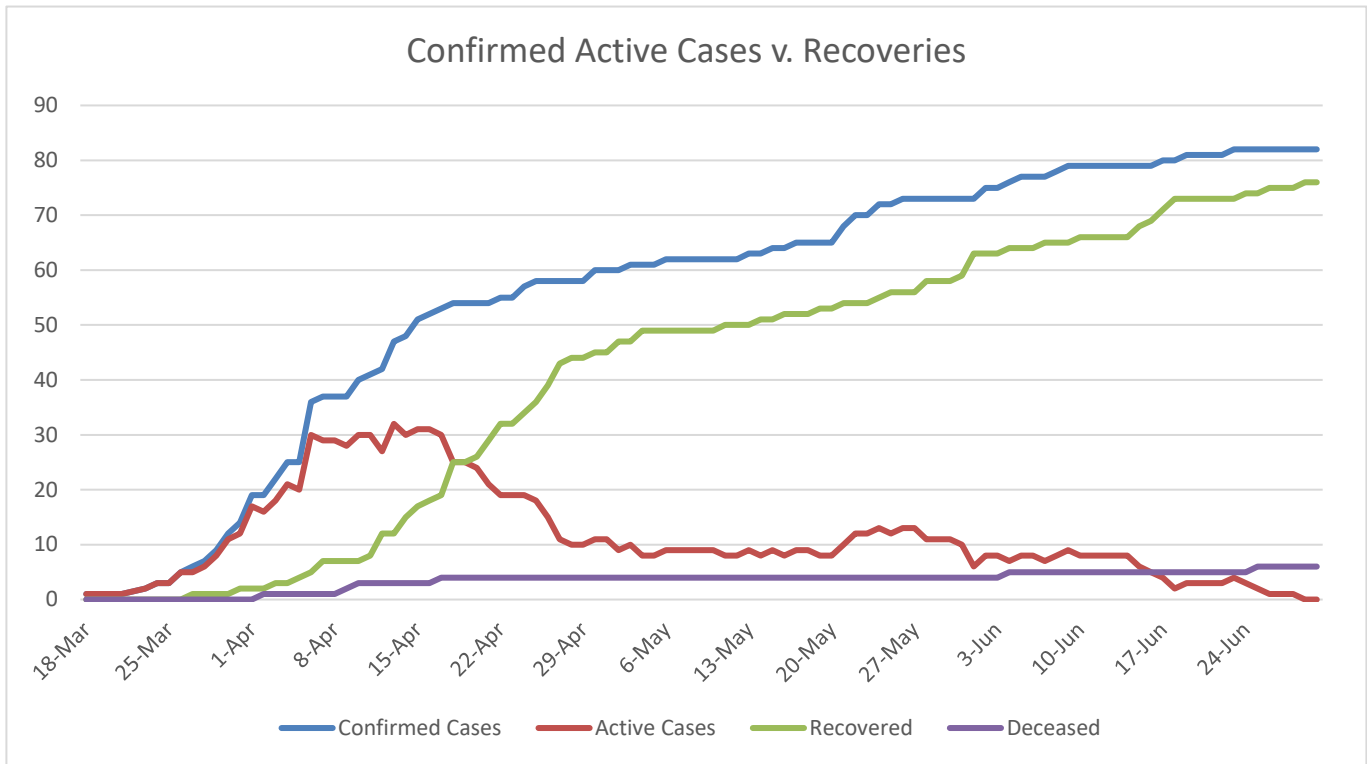
The following chart shows the number of residents quarantined and isolated.



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 0 and the number discharged is 76 while the number deceased is now 6.



The partial phase 4 opening includes:

Higher Education

Higher education includes all types of in-person higher education institutions, including but not limited to community and junior colleges, universities, graduate and professional schools, medical schools, and technical schools. Each School must submit a plan for social distancing and student safety to the state for approval before reopening.

Low-Risk Outdoor Arts & Entertainment

These activities include outdoor zoos, botanical gardens, nature parks, grounds of historic sites and cultural institutions, outdoor museums, outdoor agritourism, local agricultural demonstrations and exhibitions; and other similar institutions/activities. They must limit patron/visitor presence to no more than 33% of maximum allowed occupancy. They must close all high risk interactive activities to patrons or visitors. All tours must be limited to only members of the same family or group. All facilities must be able to accommodate all social distancing including 6-foot separation and require face coverings if social distancing cannot be maintained.

Low-Risk Indoor Arts & Entertainment

These activities apply to all indoor museums, historical sites, aquariums, and other related institutions or activities. Facilities can only operate at 25% capacity of maximum occupancy and be set up to allow for social distancing. All exhibits that are considered high risk, such as interactive displays and actives that require touching or wearing of shared items must remain closed to the public.

Media Production

These include all activities undertaken in motion picture, music, television, and streaming productions on set, on location, or at any production or recording site. No live audiences can be onsite and required social distancing standards must be met. They cannot operate with more than 50% of maximum occupancy.

Phase 4 will also increase the allowed gathering size from 25 to 50 people. Phase 4 does not include gyms, movie

theaters or malls at this time. Venues such as these encourage group gatherings for extended periods of time in enclosed areas. They cannot reopen until such time as the State can develop safety guidelines and determine the impact of air flow in such spaces on the transmission of COVID-19. They will be allowed to reopen once this guidance can be put into place. For more information please visit the NY Forward website at <https://forward.ny.gov/phase-three-industries>.

As businesses have been reopening and more people begin to visit stores, restaurants and now places for entertainment 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 4th 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.