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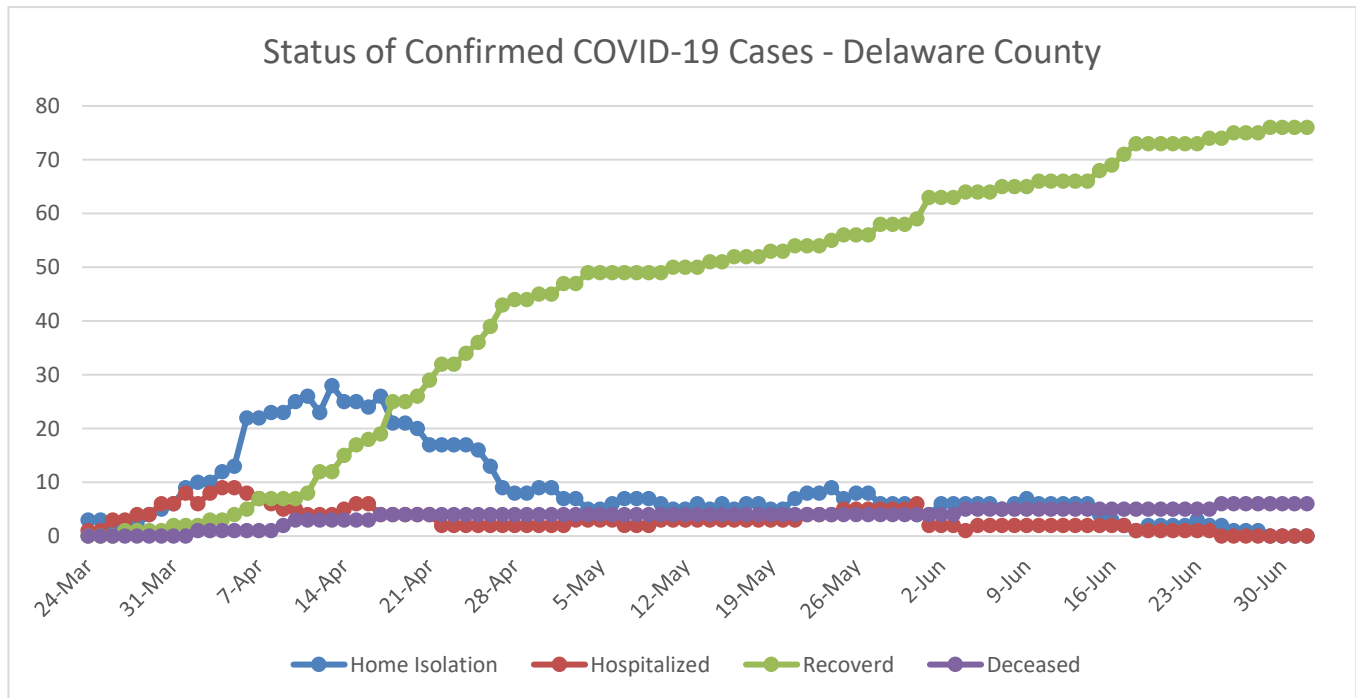
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As we go into this weekend with holiday celebrations for the Fourth of July we are continuing to monitor the numbers of COVID-19 in the Southern Tier. To date all of our numbers are well below the standards set by the Governor's office. Similar to Memorial Day celebrations we are asking each of you to be conscious of social distancing at gatherings and keep in mind that gatherings are currently limited to 50 or fewer people in attendance. In addition, be aware of the Governor's travel advisory and the requirements for quarantine if you plan to travel to some locations this summer. The list of restricted states is subject to change so check the state webpage at <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-travel-advisory> before traveling to protect yourself and others.

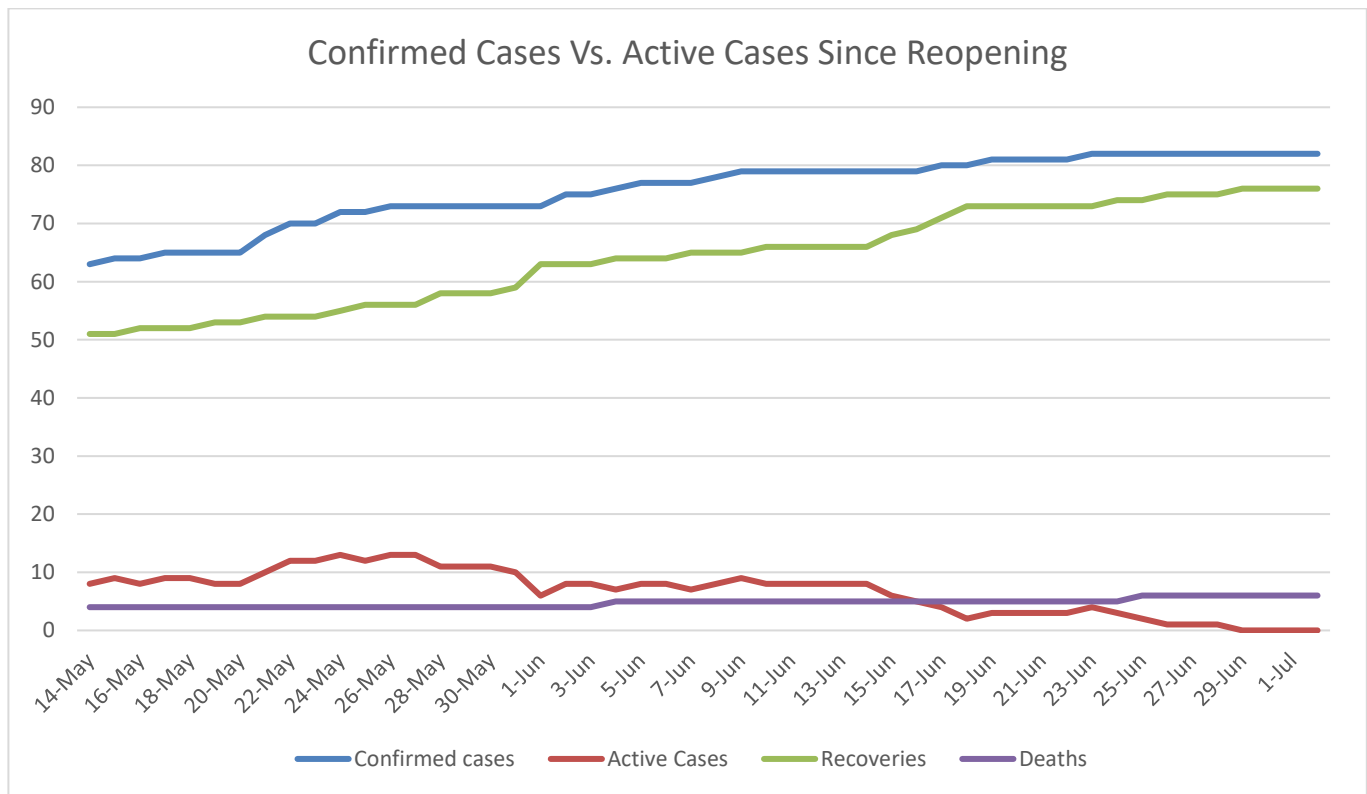
Delaware County is again reporting no new cases of COVID-19 and no additional recoveries. The known active cases in the County remains 0. To date there have been 82 confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 in Delaware County, with an additional 7 people under mandatory quarantine and 9 people under precautionary quarantine. There have been 3647 negative results reported and we are waiting for results from 19 tests. As of today no persons are isolated and receiving care at home or in the hospital, 6 people have died and 76 have fully recovered and are no longer isolated or receiving care.



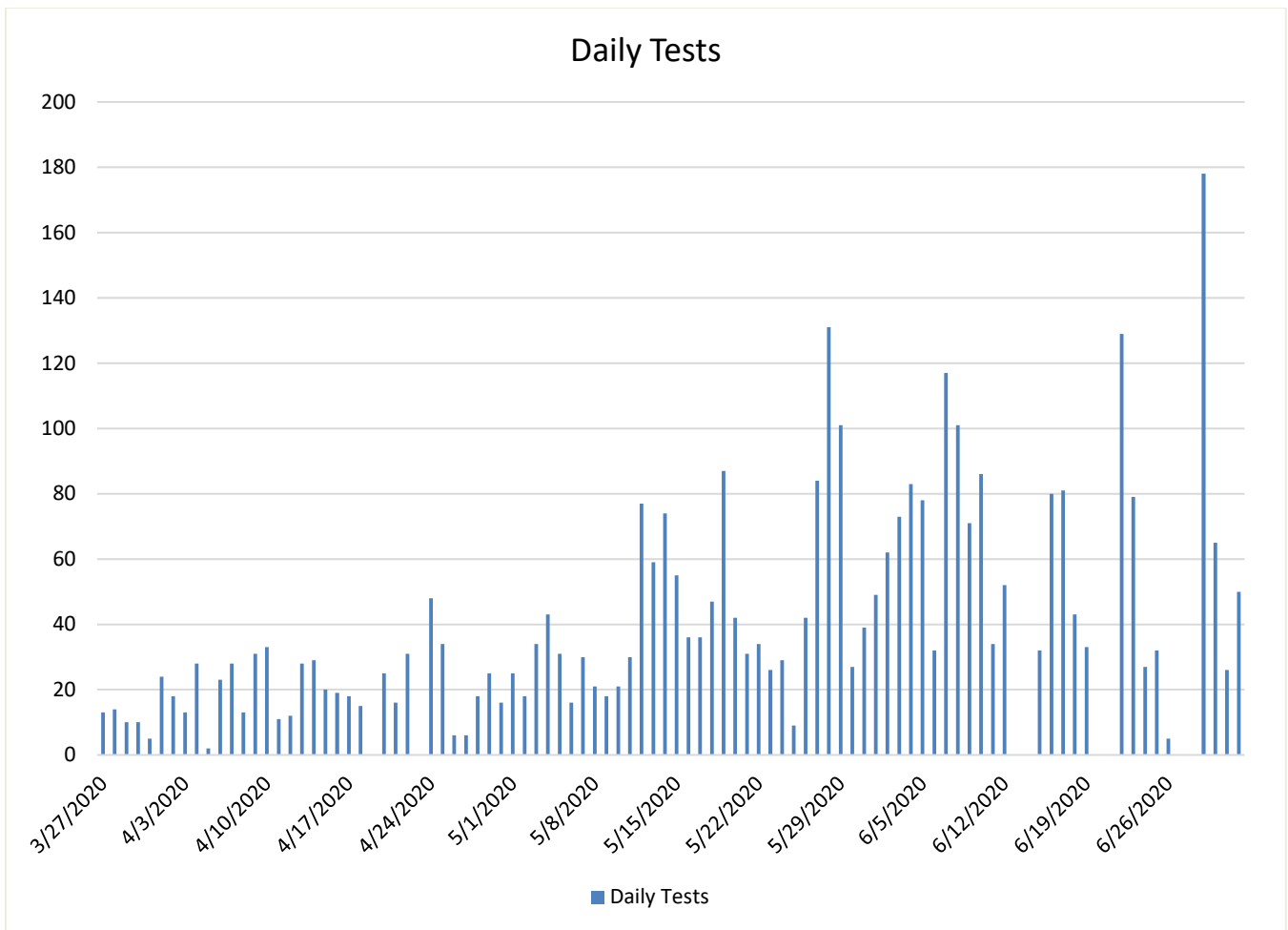
The following chart is a representation of positive cases since March 23, 2020.

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 3770 people tested to date. Currently 8.39% of the total population has been tested with test results being reported every day. It is important to understand that there have been 7003 tests performed which is being tracked by the regional control room. The numbers are different because the tests performed includes 3233 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.



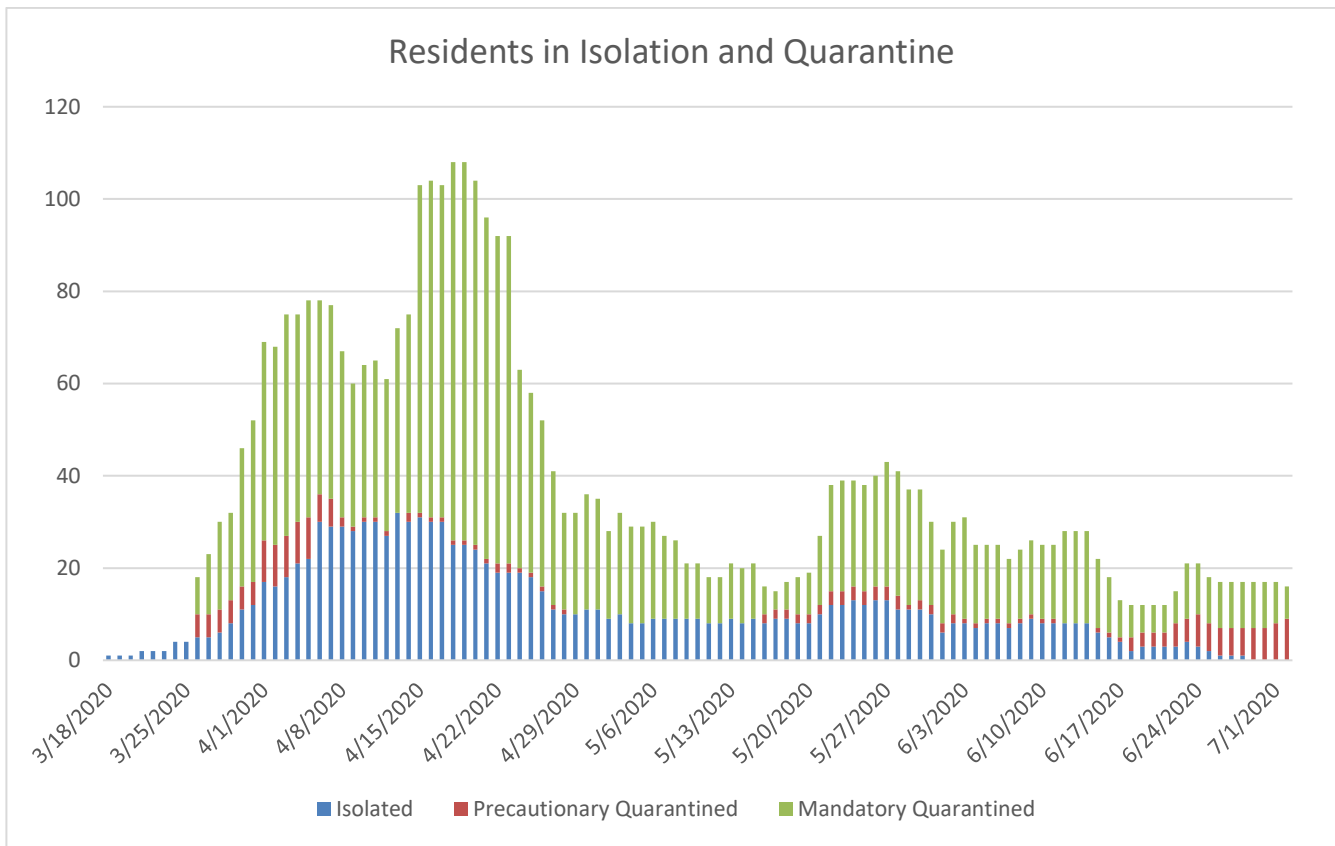
Another important measure that we need to be conscious of are the residents that have been placed under mandatory or precautionary quarantine.

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.

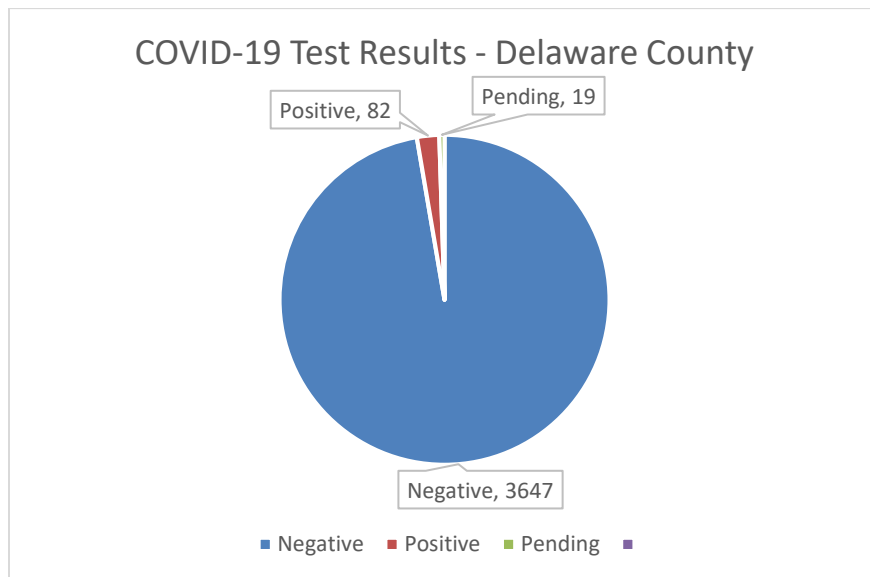
A person under **Mandatory Isolation** has tested positive for COVID-19, whether or not displaying symptoms for COVID-19.

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.

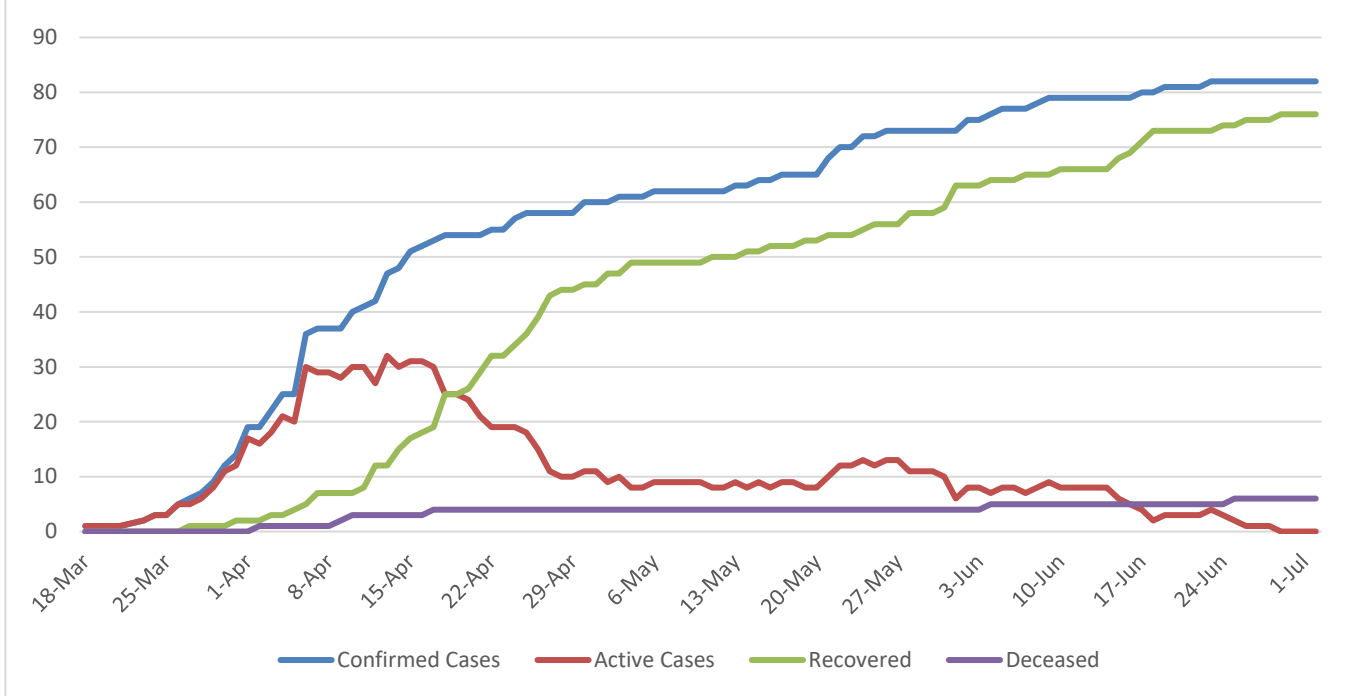


The following pie chart illustrates the amount of testing and the results reported:



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.

Confirmed Active Cases v. Recoveries



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. The state has increased the gathering size from 25 to 50 with proper social distancing and face coverings being used as necessary. Please be safe this holiday weekend as you enjoy summer in the Catskills.

We would also like to remind Delaware County residents that summer events like the Delaware County Fair are being cancelled or altered as a result of state-wide standards being implemented in the fight against COVID-19. These local events are the primary source of fundraising for several local fire departments, EMS squads, not for profit groups, VFWs and Legions, as well as several philanthropic and fraternal organizations. Our communities rely on the generosity of these groups and the volunteers that make them function. Without these large fundraising events many will not be able to provide services as readily as we are accustomed to. All Delaware County communities have come to rely on programs, services and contributions from these groups in our daily lives, including distribution of Christmas baskets for the needy, glasses for our seniors or school supplies for our youth all of these groups give back to each and every one of us all year round. We are asking that in light of these cancellations and limited fundraising opportunities that you please consider making any size contribution you can. Even the smallest amount goes further than the actual contribution due to the creativity and ingenuity of these important organizations.