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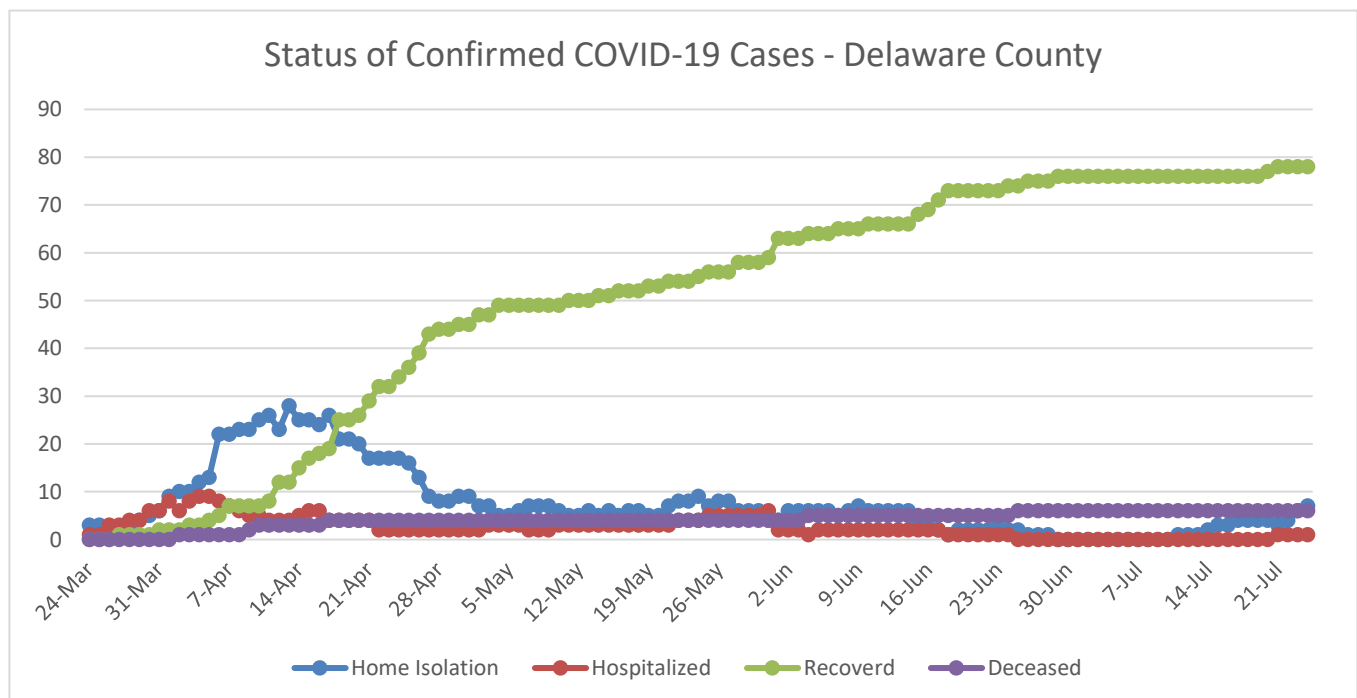
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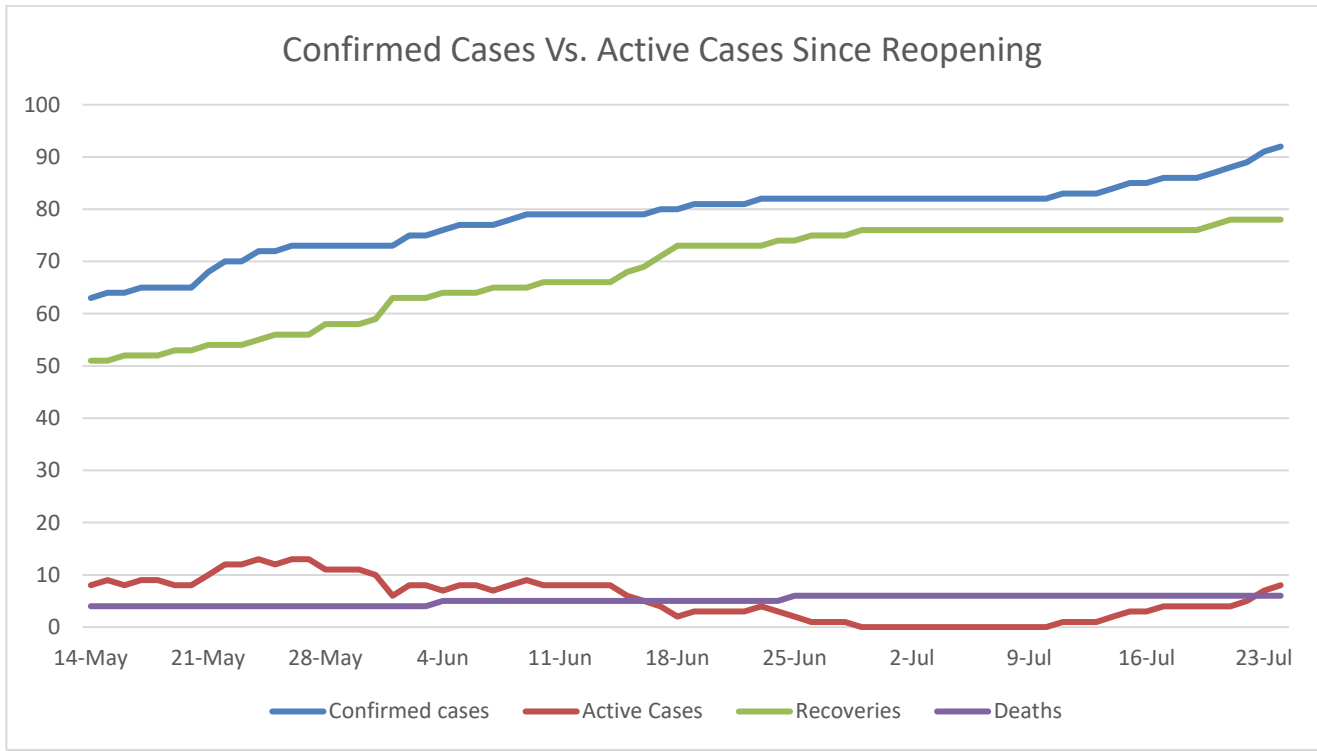
Governor Cuomo continues to stress the importance of social distancing. His staff is working closely with the schools in New York State to find the safest path for reopening in September. He continues to have concerns about opening venues for large gatherings or increasing the number of people that can gather. There is still no guidance or an anticipated date for the reopening of movie theaters, gyms or casinos and banquet venues are still limited to 50 people or 50% of the venues capacity, whichever is less. Please continue to wear face coverings and follow the standards that have been put in place for bars and restaurants as these businesses could be penalized by the state for noncompliance.

Delaware County received one new positive test result for COVID-19 today and no additional recoveries. The known active cases in the County as of today is 8. It is important to continue to use face coverings and practice good social distancing. Our economy can only remain open as long as we continue to comply with these directives county-wide. To date there have been 92 confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 in Delaware County, with 62 people under mandatory quarantine and 10 people under precautionary quarantine. There have been 4589 negative results reported and there are 33 pending test results. As of today 7 people are isolated and receiving care at home and one is isolated in the hospital, 6 people have died and 78 have fully recovered and are no longer isolated or receiving care.

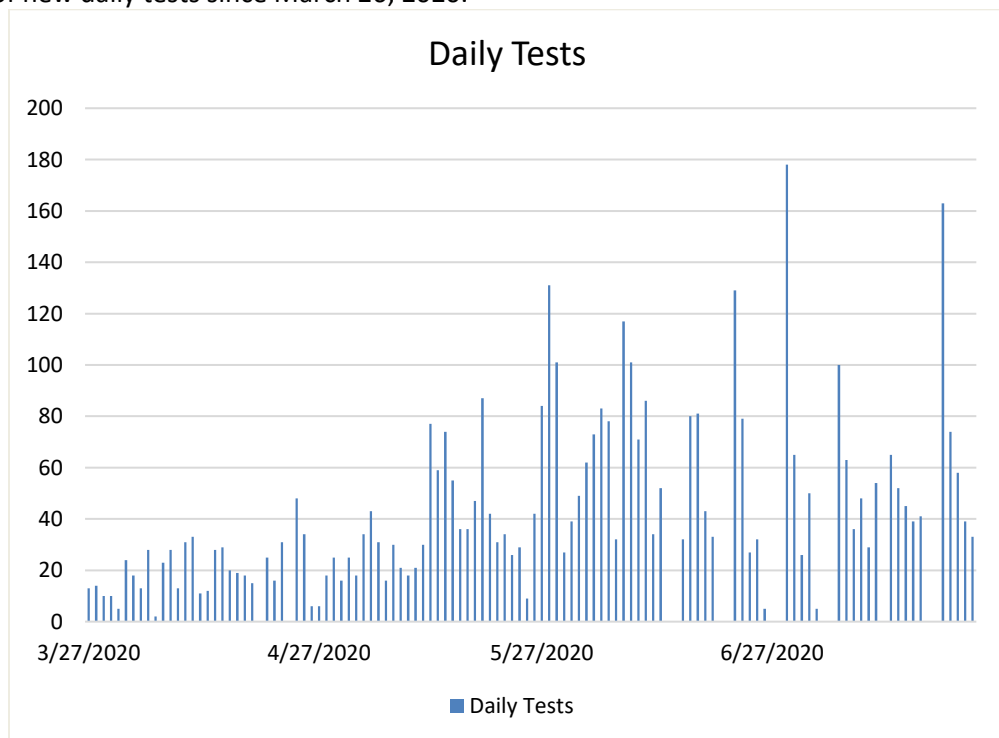


The following chart is a representation of positive cases since March 23, 2020.

The following chart represents the number of cases since the beginning of our economic reopening 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 flat from day to day.

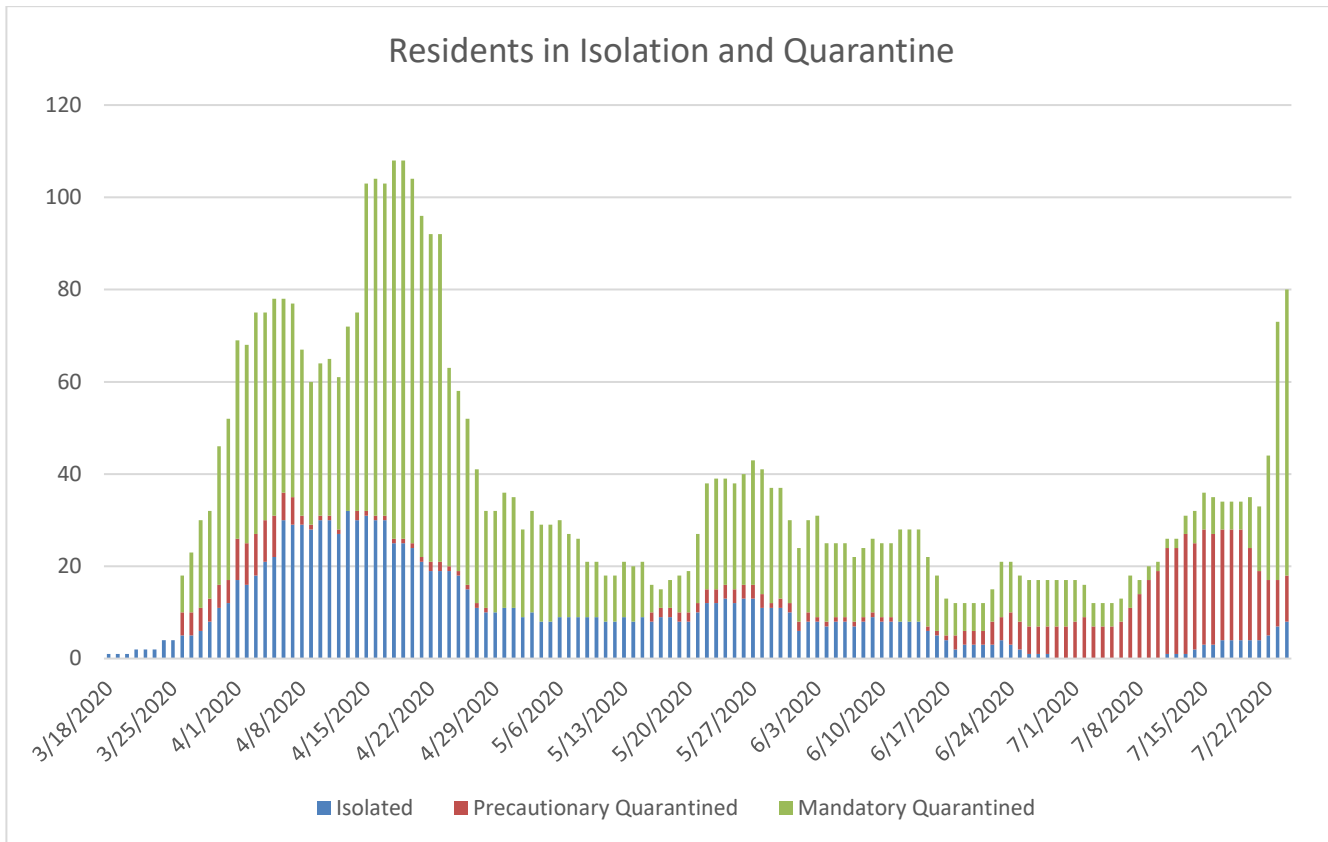


Delaware County remains vigilant in testing residents with 4737 people tested to date. Currently 10.52 % of the total population has been tested with test results being reported every day. The following chart represents the total number of new daily tests since March 26, 2020.

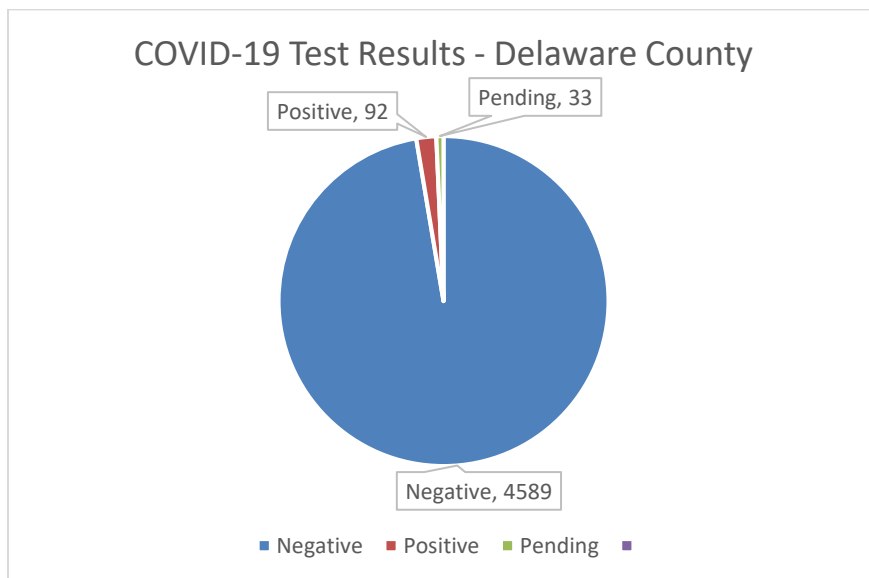


Another important measure that we need to be conscious of are the residents that have been placed under mandatory or precautionary quarantine.

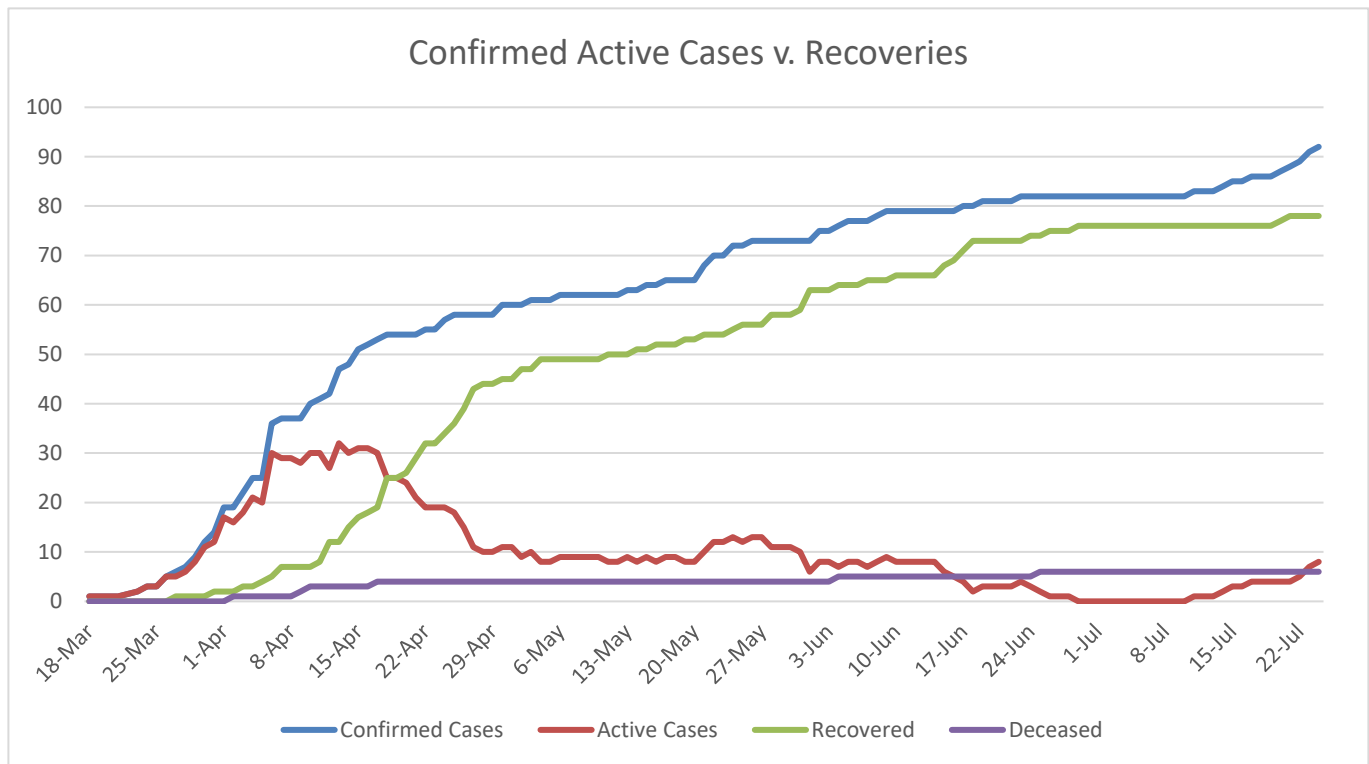
The following chart shows the number of residents quarantined and isolated.



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 8 and the number discharged is 78 while the number deceased is now 6.



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>.

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.