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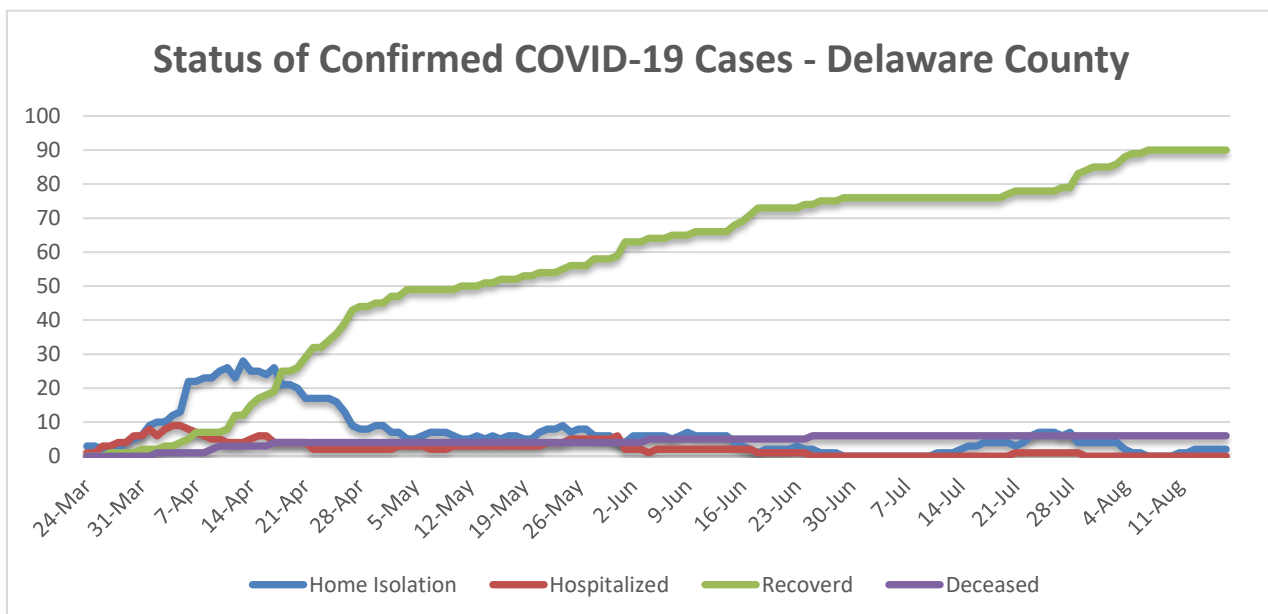
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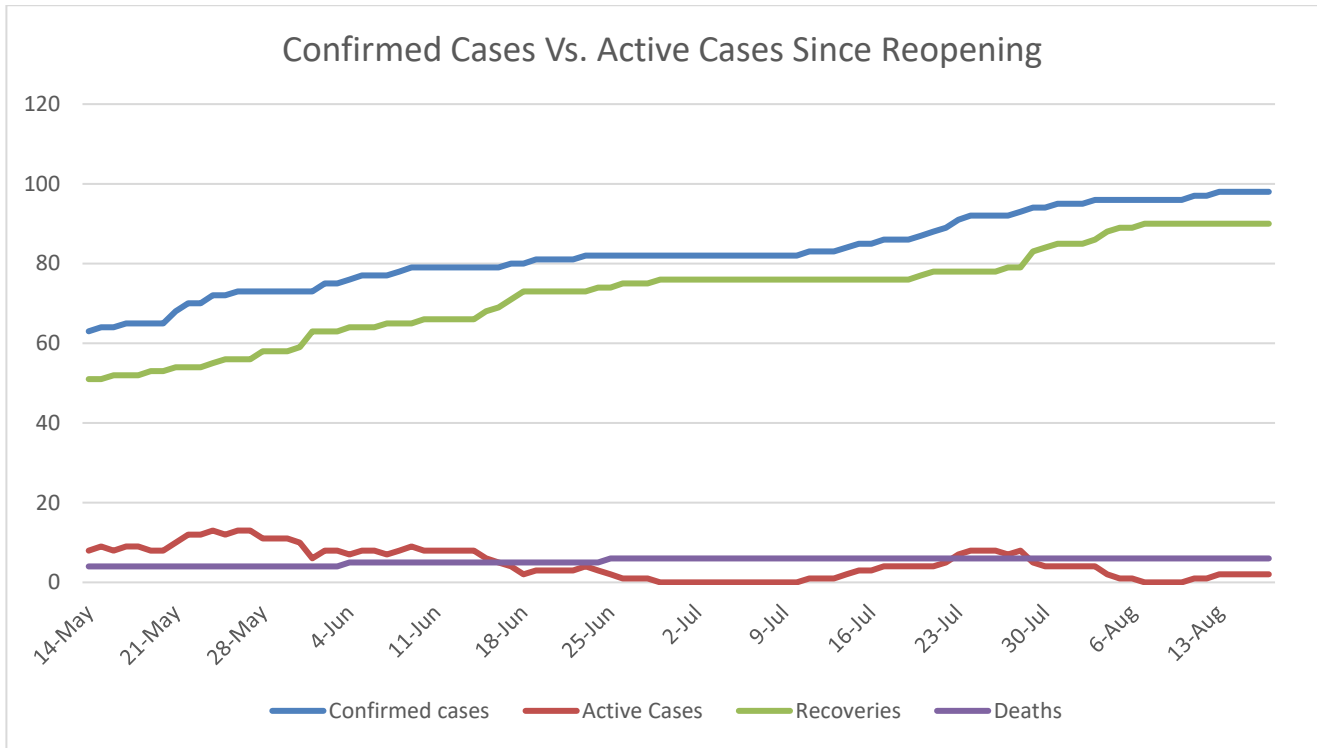
As of today bowling alleys can reopen as long as they can meet the standards posted on the NY Forward website: <https://forward.ny.gov/statewide-guidelines>. The Governor announced today that gyms may reopen on August 24th with strict social distancing guidelines. They can reopen at 33% of the facilities capacity, face coverings will be required in the gym and before reopening each facility must be inspected. The details of these standards are not yet published. They will be released on the NY Forward website in the coming days. The State Health Department and the State Department of Education continue to work with the 700+ school districts in New York. Each district will be required to have 3 – 5 public meetings with school faculty and parents prior to reopening. For questions regarding your school's plan or a schedule for public meetings please reach out to your local school district offices. New York State continues to stress the importance of social distancing. Social distancing and face coverings are required while in public spaces, shopping, receiving any type of services or gathering in groups. We are asking that you please respect these guidelines in an effort to help all of our local businesses remain open.

Delaware County received no new positive test result for COVID-19 today or over the weekend and no additional recoveries have been reported. The known active cases in the County as of today remains 2. To date there have been 98 confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 in Delaware County, with 18 people now under mandatory quarantine and no one under precautionary quarantine. There have been 5708 negative results reported and there are 26 pending test results. As of today 2 people are isolated and receiving care at home and no one is isolated in the hospital, 6 people have died and 90 have fully recovered and are no longer isolated or receiving care.

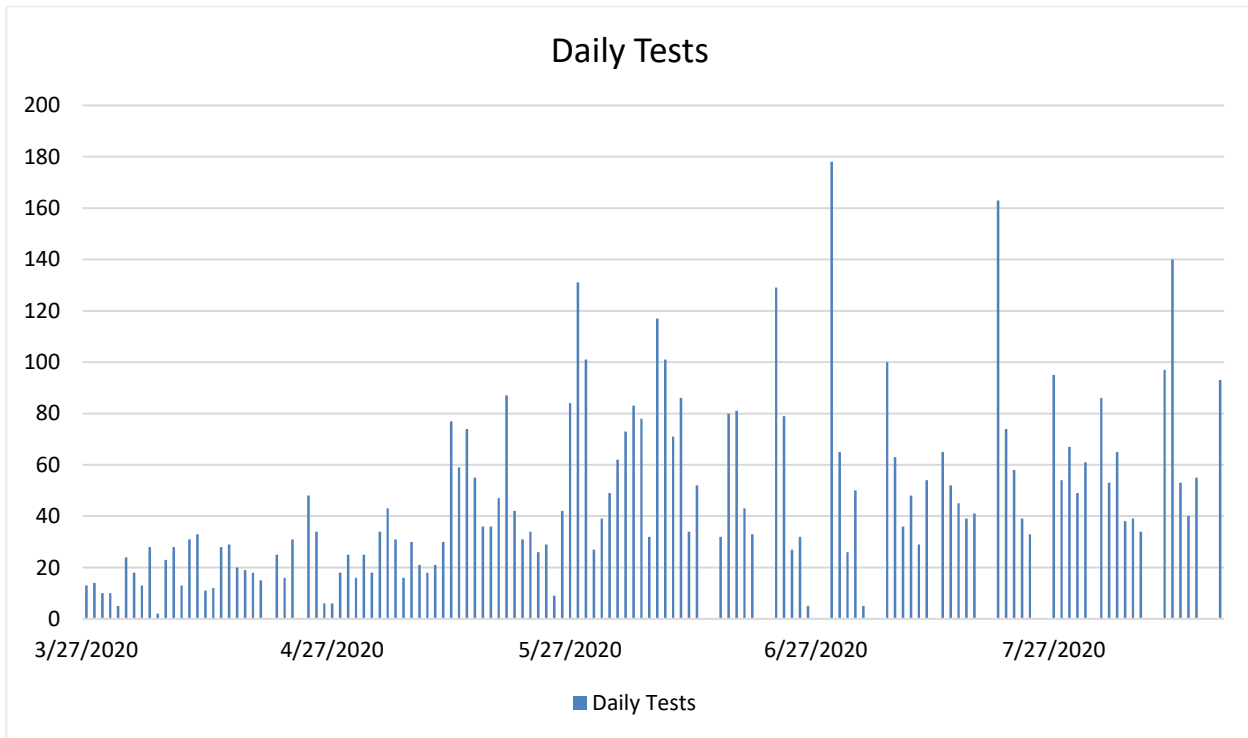
The following chart is a representation of positive cases since March 23, 2020.



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.

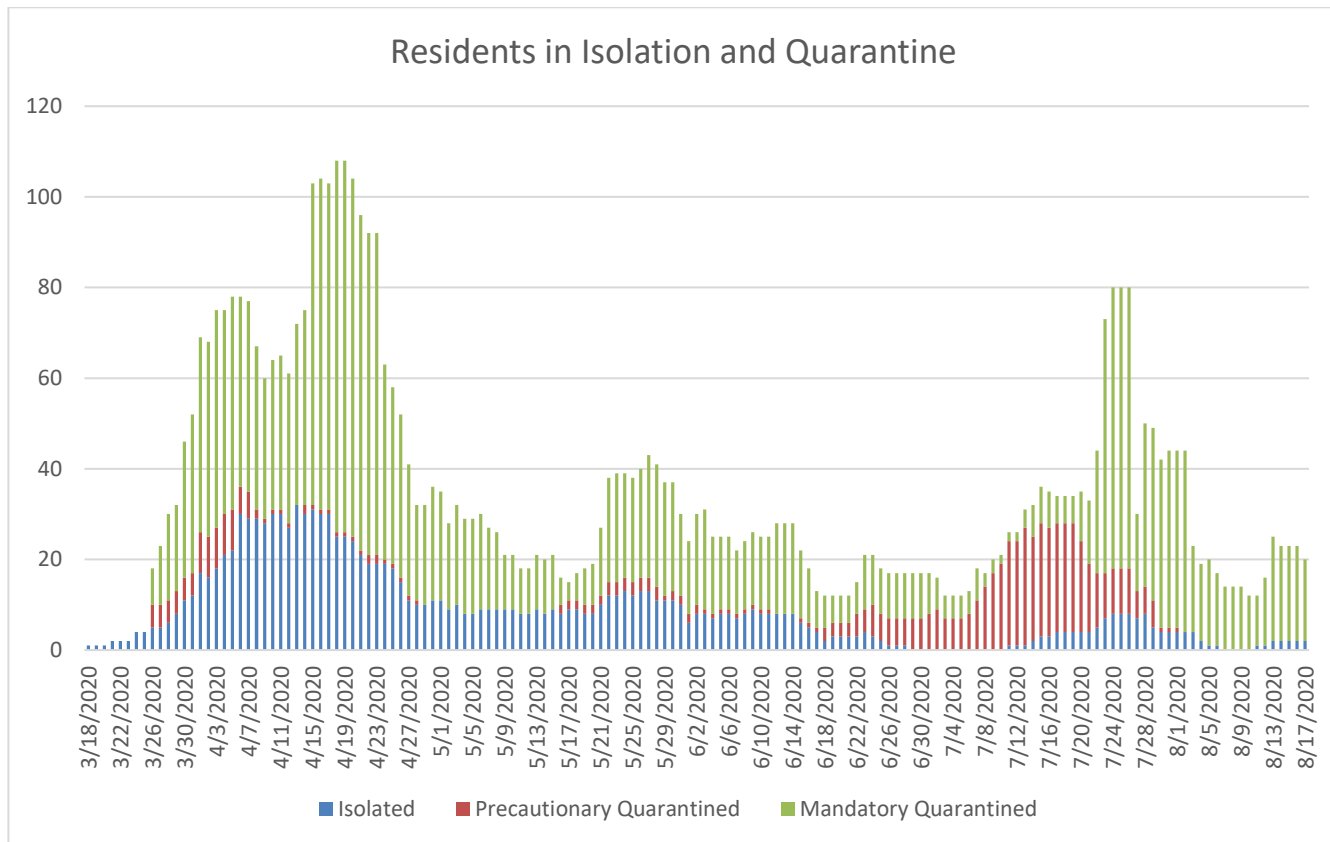


Delaware County remains vigilant in testing residents with 5856 people tested to date. Currently 13.01 % of the total population has been tested with test results being reported every day. The following chart represents the total number of new daily tests since March 26, 2020.

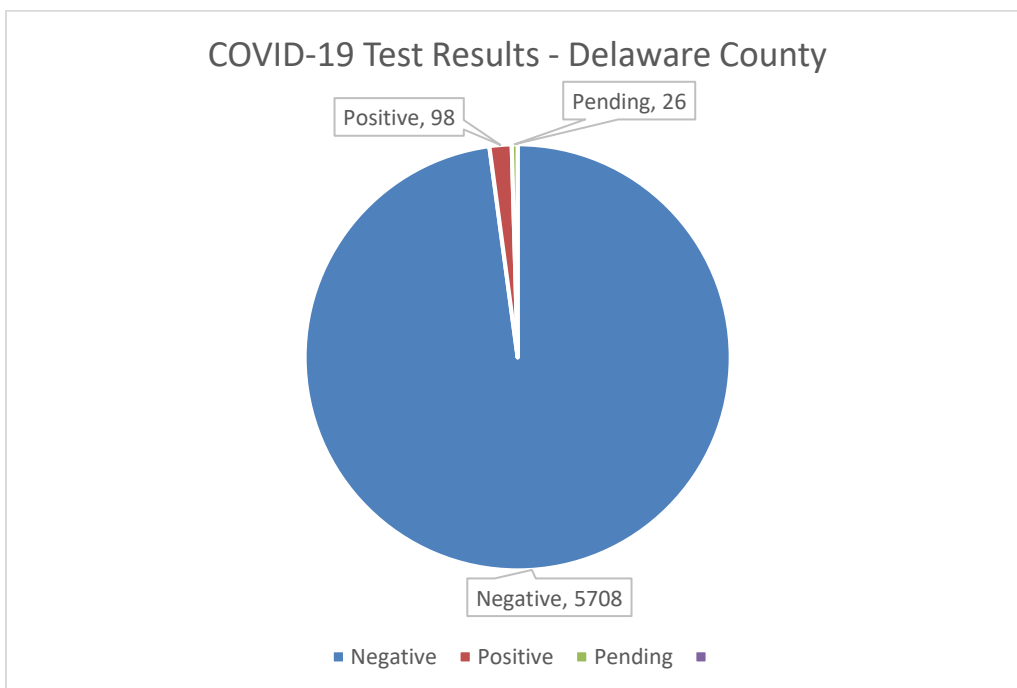


Another important measure that we need to be conscious of are the residents that have been placed under mandatory or precautionary quarantine.

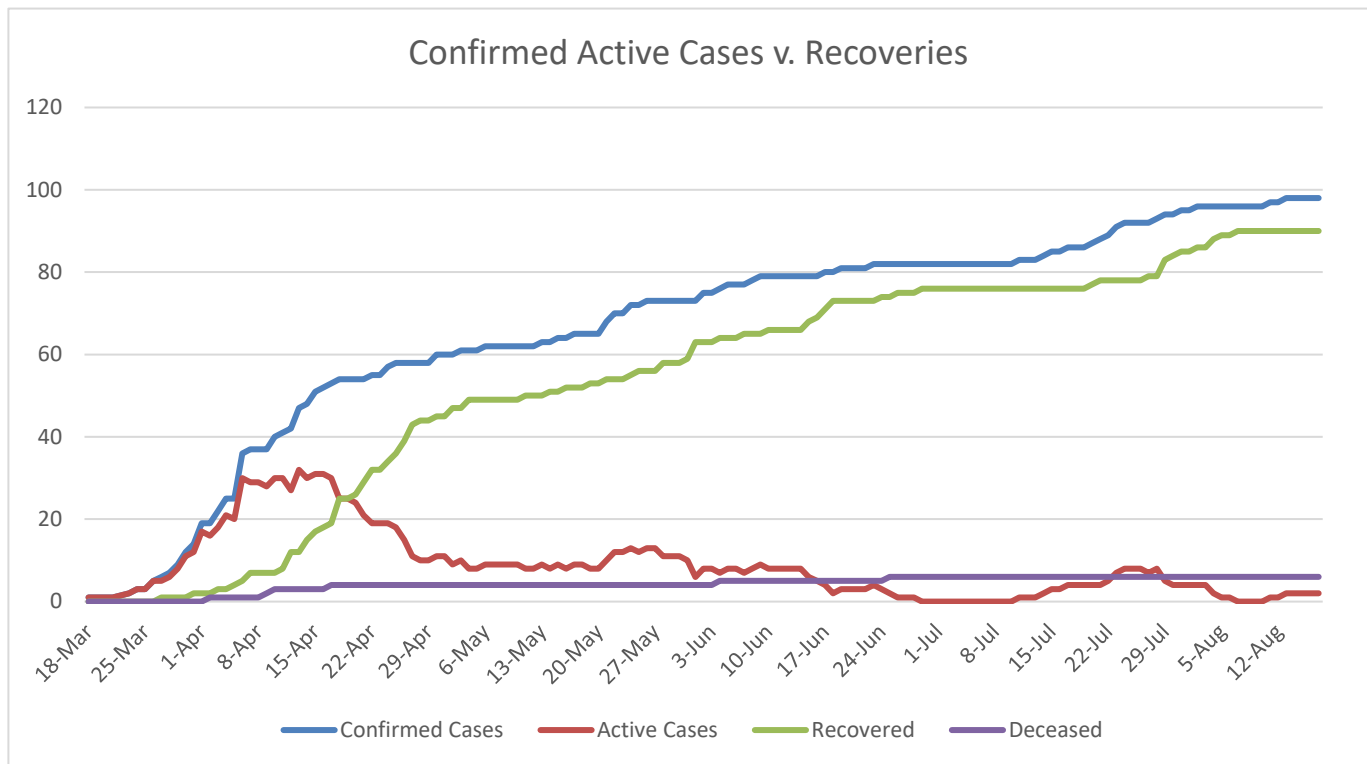
The following chart shows the number of residents quarantined and isolated.



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 2 and the number discharged is 90 while the number deceased is 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.