



Orange County

**ATTENTION**

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County Executive

**PUBLIC HEALTH ALERT**

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**PLEASE DISTRIBUTE TO PEDIATRIC, FAMILY PRACTICE, PRIMARY CARE, EMERGENCY ROOM, INTERNAL MEDICINE, URGENT CARE, INFECTIOUS DISEASE, OB/GYN, LABORATORIES AND AMBULATORY CARE STAFF.**

**PUBLIC HEALTH ALERT #11**  
**Rapid Antigen Testing Reported to NYSDOH**  
**Electronic Clinical Laboratory Reporting System (ECLRS)**

To date, there have been over 11,100 cases of COVID-19 reported in Orange County.

As of Thursday April 30, 2020 the New York State Department of Health requires that all labs are required to report all molecular, antigen, and serological tests through the Electronic Clinical Laboratory Reporting System (ECLRS). Positive results for COVID-19 must be reported immediately. This includes results from rapid antigen testing.

In order to slow the spread of COVID prompt investigation of all positive cases is required. This also allows public health professionals to identify any close contacts that may have been exposed and determine their need for testing and/or quarantining.

As a reminder, please inform patients who are being tested for COVID-19 that they **must** quarantine at home while awaiting their test results. This is a precaution to further reduce the risk of potential exposure to others. Persons who test positive for COVID-19 are subject to an **immediate mandatory isolation order** issued by the Orange County Department of Health (OCDOH) whether symptomatic or asymptomatic.

If you have questions, please call Orange County Department of Health at 845-291-2330.