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April 17, 2020 Erie County, Ohio Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) update

As of Friday, April 17, 2020, seven (7) new Erie County, Ohio residents have received laboratory-confirmed positive test results for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), for a total of 27 laboratory-confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Erie County, Ohio residents. Additionally, there is (1) new probable case. One (1) Erie County, Ohio resident has died from COVID-19.

Firelands Regional Health System is currently treating six (6) hospitalized patients from Erie County and the surrounding areas who have tested positive for COVID-19, and has a total of 99 patients hospitalized for various reasons.

The Erie County Health Department and Firelands Regional Health System continue to work closely to identify and test potential cases. The Erie County Health Department has a team of epidemiologists who are conducting background investigations and will contact anyone who is a close contact of a confirmed or probable case with further instructions to self-quarantine for 14 days and monitor for symptoms. A close contact is defined as someone who lives in the same household or who has spent an extended period of time in very close proximity of a laboratory-confirmed or probable case.

For up-to-date local information, visit the Erie County COVID-19 Dashboard at [CovidErieOhio.com](https://coviderieohio.com). For questions about COVID-19, call the Erie County COVID-19 Information Center at 567-867-3243.

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