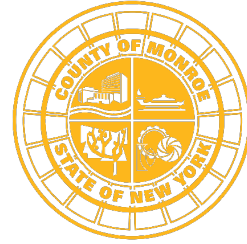




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JOINT STATEMENT FROM MONROE COUNTY EXECUTIVE ADAM BELLO AND MONROE COUNTY COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC HEALTH DR. MICHAEL MENDOZA

ROCHESTER, NY — As anticipated, the highly contagious Omicron BA.2 variant is now present in Monroe County and we are experiencing a rising number of COVID-19 cases. Today, we are reporting 108 new lab-confirmed cases and 111 new positive home test results. This is the second day in a row that new cases have surpassed 200, and we expect this upward trend to continue.

This is not cause for panic. Most individuals who have been vaccinated and boosted, or who have previously been infected with COVID, will probably not experience severe illness from this variant. However, some people remain at higher risk. An increase in hospitalizations tends to lag behind increases in case numbers, so we are issuing the following reminders for all Monroe County residents:

- Anyone who is eligible, but not yet vaccinated or boosted, should get immunized now.
- Individuals who are at higher risk for severe illness should consider wearing an N95 or KN95 mask when in public spaces and maintain social distancing as much as possible.
- Stay home if you are sick and get tested for COVID-19.

Monroe County will continue to monitor the situation, and we will provide further guidance if warranted.

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