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COUNTY OF ERIE

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GALE R. BURSTEIN, MD, MPH
COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH

April 12, 2021

Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street
Buffalo, NY 14202

Dear Legislators:

As requested by the Erie County Legislature in its resolution on November 5, 2020, the Erie County Department of Health (ECDOH) is providing the names and addresses of nursing homes in Erie County with infection rates of 5% or more.

This information is provided with the following caveats.

The nursing home COVID case data sources may be multiple sources and received at different times. One source is NY HERDS data. Another source is surveillance data case reports. NYSDOH may occasionally inform ECDOH of active nursing home investigations.

Data may include "persistent positives." Nursing homes test residents regularly. Older residents, particularly with compromised immune systems, may have positive COVID tests for an extended period. HERDS data do not specify if COVID+ tests are new cases or persistent positive tests. Repeat positive COVID-19 tests may be included in the data.

Reported case numbers may not include all Erie County residents and may include residents from outside Erie County.

The ECDOH reports may not include information about residents who were transferred to a different facility or discharged home.

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For the week ending April 17, 2021, no nursing homes had a percent positive rate of more than 5% based on the data available to our department.

It is our department's intent to provide this information on a weekly basis.

Sincerely,

Gale R. Burstein, MD, MPH, FAAP
Commissioner of Health