
January 7, 2022

The following is a summary of regional Covid update information received from a telephone call with NYS DHS Commissioner Jackie Bray this afternoon (Friday January 7, 2022) for counties:

- 1. Rapid Test Kits**
 - A. Next shipment to the County for distribution to Towns/Cities won't be till the week of January 17th. Approximately the same number of kits we got this week we will receive the week of the 17th if all goes well.**
 - B. This coming week schools will be receiving another shipment of kits, at about half the numbers they received this week. Weekly shipments to schools are expected to continue.**
 - C. Private schools who requested kits should start receiving them early next week.**
 - D. Nursing homes will be getting direct shipments of test kits starting next week. It will be 2 test kits per each resident & staff member. We have asked the State to provide us a list of the nursing homes in our County that will be getting these kits.**
- 2. New contact tracing guidance from the State to be announced Monday, January 10th.**
- 3. All healthcare workers will likely be mandated to get boosters following a vote next week by a State health panel, per recommendation by the Governor.**
- 4. State expects overall Covid numbers to start declining, driven first by decreases in NYC as the Omicron variant infection rates plateau. Upstate numbers expected to climb for the next week to ten days before starting to wane.**

Will keep you posted as we get more info. Thanks
