

May 6, 2019

FLU SEASON IS OFFICIALLY WINDING DOWN IN NEW YORK, BUT IT'S NOT QUITE OVER YET. THE STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENT SAYS THE DISEASE IS NO LONGER PREVALENT IN THE STATE. IN ONEIDA COUNTY THE NUMBER OF CONFIRMED CASES DROPPED DOWN TO FIFTY IN THE LAST REPORTING PERIOD. THAT'S A 65 PERCENT DROP FROM THE WEEK BEFORE AND A FAR CRY FROM THE PEAK OF 300 CASES A WEEK IN EARLY MARCH. OFFICIALS SAY THE NUMBER OF INFECTIONS WILL TAPER OFF OVER THE NEXT MONTH. THAT'S WHEN THEY'LL START PLANNING FOR NEXT FLU SEASON.

June 7, 2019

LOCAL HEALTH OFFICIALS ARE WARNING RESIDENTS TO TAKE PRECAUTIONS AGAINST RABIES. THE DISEASE IS ENDEMIC ACROSS CENTRAL NEW YORK THANKS TO THE LARGE POPULATION OF WILD ANIMALS. OFFICIALS SAY PET OWNERS SHOULD MAKE SURE ALL OF THEIR ANIMALS HAVE BEEN VACCINATED AGAINST THE VIRUS, AND RESIDENTS SHOULD AVOID CONTACT WITH ANY ANIMALS ACTING STRANGELY. VACCINATIONS ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH VETERINARIANS AND AT REGULAR CLINICS SPONSORED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.