



CATTARAUGUS COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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Public Health
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Cattaraugus County Health Department was notified of its tenth confirmed case of COVID-19. The reporting laboratory was Quest Diagnostics Laboratory in Pittsburgh, PA.

A male resident who lives in the southeastern part of the county with no significant travel history who was admitted to Olean General Hospital on April 3rd for fever, cough, weakness, chest and abdominal pains. Chest X-ray revealed bilateral pneumonia. Patient was tested for COVID-19 upon admission and on April 5th the results of the test indicated that he was positive for COVID-19.

Upon discharge the patient will be quarantine. He will be assessed for any medical support that we can provide and we will monitor his symptoms closely.

The department has begun a thorough contact tracing investigation for those individuals that he has been in contact with and the places that he visited.

We continue to ask our residents to bunker down, and avoid any non-essential travel, especially to areas where there is community wide spread of COVID-19 otherwise, you place your family and other Cattaraugus County residents at risk. If travel is necessary, please wear a homemade cloth face mask while in public and maintain social distancing, at least 6 feet away from other people.

We would like to reiterate that if any resident experience fever, cough, shortness of breath or whole body aches they should contact their health care provider (avoid going directly to an Urgent Care facility, or the Emergency Room before calling).

Finally, wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. This is especially important after using the bathroom, coughing, sneezing or blowing your nose.

If soap and water is not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains a minimum of 60% alcohol.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth, especially with unwashed hands.

Disinfect commonly touched surfaces with a cleaner that is approved by the EPA against COVID-19.

Please stay home if you are sick (at least 24 hours after fever ends.)

Questions or concerns, please contact the Cattaraugus County Health Department at 716-373-8050, or visit us at Cattco.org.