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Cattaraugus County Health Department was notified of two additional confirmed cases of COVID-19 residents within Cattaraugus County. The department's active positive COVID-19 caseload is now ten as there are one-hundred and nineteen residents who have recovered from COVID-19.

The one hundredth and thirty second confirmed case is a female resident who is residing on the southeast quadrant of the county, who just arrived from Puerto Rico. She reports being asymptomatic (no fever, no cough, no body aches, etc.), and denies being in contact with a known positive COVID-19 person. She was tested for COVID-19 on July 31st and her test results on August 5th indicated that she was positive for the virus.

The one hundredth and thirty third confirmed case is a female resident who is residing on the southwest quadrant of the county, who denies any significant travel history. She is a direct contact of a known positive COVID-19 person but reports being asymptomatic (no fever, no cough, and no body aches, etc.). She was tested for COVID-19 on August 5th and her test results on August 6th indicated that she was positive for the virus.

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

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).

In addition, 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.

Finally, in an effort to determine the prevalence of COVID-19 in our community, any resident interested in getting tested, can register for a test at www.cattco.org/covid-19-test or call 716-938-9119 or 716-938-2265.