



CATTARAUGUS COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

1 Leo Moss Drive, Olean, NY 14760, Tel. (716)373-8050, Fax (716) 701-3737



Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.
Cattaraugus County
Health Department

Established 1923

Kevin D. Watkins, M.D., MPH, Public Health Director

Gilbert N. Witte, M.D.
Medical Director

Colette Lulay-Pound
Administrative Officer

****For Immediate Release****

August 12, 2020

Cattaraugus County Health Department was notified of its one hundred and thirty sixth confirmed case of COVID-19. The reporting laboratory was, Bio-Reference Laboratory Inc., Elmwood Park, NJ. The department's active positive COVID-19 caseload is now four as there are one hundred and twenty eight residents who have recovered from COVID-19.

The latest case is a male resident who resides in the southeast corner of the county who reports traveling to North Carolina in the middle of July. He denies any contact with a known positive COVID-19 person and reports being asymptomatic (no fever, no cough, no body aches, etc.). He was tested for COVID-19 on July 20th, and his test results on August 11th indicated that he was positive for the virus.

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

####