



CATTARAUGUS COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT



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Cattaraugus County Health Department was notified of four additional confirmed cases of COVID-19 residents within Cattaraugus County.

The sixteenth case is a female resident who lives in the southeastern part of the county, she has no significant travel history, who was a close contact with a known positive COVID-19 person. She developed fever, chills, cough, and lightheadiness, she was tested by the department on April 8th because she was symptomatic and a direct contact. The result of her test on April 11th indicated that she was positive for COVID-19.

The seventeenth case is a male resident who lives in the southeastern part of the county, he has no significant travel history, who was a close contact with a known positive COVID-19 person. He developed fever, chills, cough, and shortness of breath, he was tested by the department on April 9th because he was symptomatic and a direct contact. The result of his test on April 11th indicated that he was positive for COVID-19.

The eighteenth case is a male resident who lives in the southeastern part of the county, he has no significant travel history, who was a close contact with a known positive COVID-19 person. He developed cough, and body aches, and he was tested by the department on April 9th because he was symptomatic and a direct contact. The result of his test on April 11th indicated that he was positive for COVID-19.

The nineteenth case is a female resident who lives in the northeastern part of the county, no significant travel history, who was sent home by her employer because of an elevated temperature. Shortly thereafter she developed headaches and congestion and contacted her medical provider who ordered a COVID-19 test for her on April 9th. The result of her test on April 11th indicated that she was positive for COVID-19.

The patients are resting at home, and now under quarantine with their families. They will be assessed for any medical support that we can provide and we will monitor their symptoms closely.

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

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