

## CATTARAUGUS COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT



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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 thirty four as there are one-hundred and forty eight residents who have recovered from COVID-19.

The one hundred and eighty fifth confirmed case is a female resident who resides in the northeast quadrant of the county, who denies any significant travel history or being in direct contact with a positive COVID-19 person. She works for a healthcare facility but reports being asymptomatic (no fever, no cough, no body aches, etc.). She was tested for COVID-19 on September 1<sup>st</sup> as part of the facility's requirement to test all employees, and her test results on September 3<sup>rd</sup> indicated that she was positive for the virus.

The one hundred and eighty sixth confirmed case is a male resident who resides in the northwest quadrant of the county, who denies any significant travel history or being in direct contact with a positive COVID-19 person. He works for a healthcare facility but reports being asymptomatic (no fever, no cough, no body aches, etc.). He was tested for COVID-19 on August 31st as part of the facility's requirement to test all employees, and his test results on September 3rd 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.





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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 <a href="https://www.cattco.org/covid-19-test">www.cattco.org/covid-19-test</a> or call 716-938-2265.