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

The thirty-second confirmed case is a female resident who resides in the northeastern part of the county, who was possibly exposed to a COVID-19 person. She developed a low grade fever while undergoing rehabilitation at a healthcare facility in Buffalo and was tested for COVID-19 on April 22nd. The results of her test on April 23rd indicated that she was positive for COVID-19.

The thirty-third confirmed case is a male resident who resides in the southwestern part of county who has no significant travel history, but developed fever, chills, cough, and shortness of breath. He was taken and eventually admitted to Olean General Hospital on April 20th where he was tested for COVID-19. The results on his test on April 23rd indicated that he was positive for COVID-19.

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.

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