



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 thirty-eighth confirmed case is a male resident who resides in the northwest quadrant of the county, who has a travel history to Buffalo for work, presented with congestion and overall not feeling well on Monday, April 27th. He was tested by the department on April 30th because he was symptomatic and because he has two family members that are healthcare workers. The result of his test on May 1st indicated that he was positive for COVID-19.

The thirty-ninth confirmed case is a female resident who resides in the northeast quadrant of the county, she works for a nursing home in Buffalo, who tested negative for COVID-19 on April 22nd. She has been asymptomatic for the most part except for a dry cough. She was retested on April 30th since testing was offered for healthcare employees, and her test results on May 1st indicated that she 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 hunker 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.