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

The fortieth confirmed case is a female resident who resides in the northwest quadrant of the county, who has no significant travel history, developed a persistent cough, headaches, and body aches. She was tested by the department on May 1st because she was symptomatic, and on May 2nd, her test results indicated that she was positive for COVID-19.

The forty-first confirmed case is a female resident who resides in the northwest quadrant of the county. She is a healthcare worker at a nursing home in Buffalo who had direct contact with a positive COVID-19 co-worker and patient. She developed cough, shortness of breath, headaches and body aches. She was tested by the department on May 1st, and on May 2nd, her test results 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 have 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.