



# CATTARAUGUS COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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**Public Health**  
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Cattaraugus County Health Department was notified of its fifty-first confirmed case of COVID-19. The reporting laboratory was UPMC Chautauqua, at WCA Laboratory, Chautauqua, NY. The department's active positive COVID-19 caseload is now thirteen as there are thirty-six residents who have recovered from COVID-19.

The latest case is a male resident who resides in the southwest corner of the county who has no significant travel history, who developed dry cough, shortness of breath and diarrhea, and was taken to WCA hospital emergency room on May 17<sup>th</sup>. He was given a rapid COVID-19 test which 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 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.

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 [www.cattco.org/covid-19-test](http://www.cattco.org/covid-19-test) or call 716-938-9119 or 716-938-2265.