



# 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 fourteen as there are thirty-seven residents who have recovered from COVID-19.

The fifty-second confirmed case is a female resident who resides in the northeast quadrant of the county, who works in a healthcare facility, and presented to a WellNow clinic in Buffalo on April 26<sup>th</sup> for a COVID-19 antibody test which indicated a possible current infection. She was tested for COVID-19 on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and her test results on May 10<sup>th</sup> indicated that she was positive. She has been asymptomatic (no fever, no cough, no shortness of breath, no body aches etc.) for the most part and has no significant travel history.

The fifty-third confirmed case is a male resident who resides in the southeast quadrant of the county, who has no significant travel history, he underwent his pre-op exam on May 19<sup>th</sup>, which included being tested for COVID-19. The results of his test on May 19<sup>th</sup> indicated that he was positive for COVID-19. He has been asymptomatic (no fever, no cough, no shortness of breath, and no body aches) for the most part, and denies any contact with a positive COVID-19 person.

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, 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.

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