



# CATTARAUGUS COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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Cattaraugus County Health Department was notified of its sixty-third confirmed case of COVID-19. The reporting laboratory was Bio-reference Laboratories Inc., Elmwood Park, NJ. The department's active positive COVID-19 caseload is now seventeen as there are forty-three residents who have recovered from COVID-19.

The latest case is a female resident who resides in the southeast quadrant of the county, who is a health care worker in a nursing home in Cattaraugus County. She was tested for COVID-19 on May 21<sup>st</sup> as part of a recent requirement of all nursing home employees and on May 26<sup>th</sup> her test results indicated that she was positive for the virus. She reports being asymptomatic (no cough, no fever, no body aches, etc.) for the most part and denies any contact with a known positive COVID-19 person.

The department has begun a thorough contact tracing investigation for those individuals that she has been in contact with, and the places that she 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 face covering 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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