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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 eighteen as there are forty-seven residents who have recovered from COVID-19.

The sixty- eighth confirmed case is a male resident who resides in the southeast quadrant of the county, who was hospitalized on May 21st for weakness, diarrhea and hypo-magnesium. He was being discharged to a nursing home, which now requires COVID-19 testing prior to discharge, and his test results on May 27th indicated that he was positive for the virus.

The sixty-ninth confirmed case is a male resident who is currently an inmate at the Cattaraugus County jail, who has been asymptomatic (no fever, no cough, no shortness of breath, or no body aches) was tested for COVID-19 on May 27th, his test result on May 29th indicated that he was positive for the virus.

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 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).

In addition, 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.

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 or call 716-938-9119 or 716-938-2265.