

## 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 thirty six as there are one-hundred and fifty three residents who have recovered from COVID-19.

The one hundred and ninety second confirmed case is a female resident who resides in the northeast quadrant of the county, who denies any significant travel history or being in direct contact with a positive COVID-19 person. She was hospitalized for weakness and was tested for COVID-19 on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Her test results on September 6<sup>th</sup> indicated that she was positive for the virus.

The one hundred and ninety third confirmed case is a female resident who resides in the southeast quadrant of the county, who recently traveled to the state of Washington. She reports being in direct contact with a positive COVID-19 person and shortly thereafter, developed cough and headaches. She was tested for COVID-19 on September 3<sup>rd</sup> and her test results on September 6<sup>th</sup> indicated that she 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 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.

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 <a href="https://www.cattco.org/covid-19-test">www.cattco.org/covid-19-test</a> or call 716-938-9119 or 716-938-2265.





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