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Cattaraugus County Health Department was notified of seven additional confirmed cases of COVID-19 residents within Cattaraugus County.

The twentieth confirmed case is a male resident who resides in the southeastern part of county, he has no significant travel history, who was a close contact of a known positive COVID-19 person. He developed fever several day after his contact and was tested by the department on April 10th because he was symptomatic and a direct contact. The results of his test on April 11th indicated that he was positive for COVID-19.

The twenty-first confirmed case is a female resident who resides in the northeastern part of the county, she is a healthcare personnel with a travel history to Buffalo. She developed sore throat, headaches, body aches, cough, and shortness of breath. She was tested by the department on April 10th because he was symptomatic and a healthcare worker. The results of her test on April 11th indicated that she was positive for COVID-19.

The twenty-second confirmed case is a male resident who resides in the southeastern part of county, he has no significant travel history, who was a close contact of a known positive COVID-19 person. He developed a dry cough, sneezing and loss of sense of smell he was tested by the department on April 10th because he was symptomatic and a direct contact. The results of his test on April 11th indicated that he was positive for COVID-19.

The twenty-third confirmed case is a female resident who resides in the northeastern part of the county, she has no significant travel history. She is a health care worker who was a close contact of a known positive COVID-19 person. She developed fever, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue and diarrhea, she was tested by the department on April 10th because he was symptomatic and a direct contact. The results of her test on April 11th indicated that she was positive for COVID-19.

The twenty-fourth confirmed case is a female resident who resides in the northeastern part of the county, she has no significant travel history. She is a healthcare worker who was a close contact of a known positive COVID-19 person. She developed cough, chills, and body aches she was tested by the department on April 10th because he was symptomatic and a direct contact. The results of her test on April 11th indicated that she was positive for COVID-19.

The twenty-fifth confirmed case is a male resident who resides in the northeastern part of county, he is admitted in the intensive care unit at Mercy hospital in Buffalo where he was tested for COVID-19 on April 12th which indicated that he was positive.

The twenty-sixth confirmed case is a female resident who resides in the southeastern part of the county, she has no significant travel history, who was a close contact of a known positive COVID-19 person. She developed sneezing, dry cough, headaches, body aches and loss of sense of taste and smell. She was tested by the department on April 10th because she was symptomatic and a direct contact. The results of her test on April 11th indicated that she was positive for COVID-19.

The patients, are resting at home, except for the hospitalized patient, and now under quarantine with their families. They will be assessed for any medical support that we can provide and we will monitor their symptoms closely.

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 bunker 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.

Please stay home if you are sick (at least 24 hours after fever ends.)

Questions or concerns, please contact the Cattaraugus County Health Department at 716-373-8050, or visit us at Cattco.org.

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