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

The fifty-fourth confirmed case is a male resident who resides in the southeast quadrant of the county, who developed fever, chills, congestion, nausea and body aches, who was seen at a local WellNow Urgent Care clinic on May 16th and he was tested for COVID-19. His test results on May 21st indicated that he was positive for the virus.

The fifty-fifth confirmed case is a male resident who resides in the northwest quadrant of the county, he was admitted into a health center where he was tested for COVID-19 on May 4th and the test result was negative. On May 19th he developed fever and chills and was tested again for COVID-19. His results this time 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).

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.

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