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COVID-19 Numbers Continue to Change as Fourth Case Identified in Clinton County

Plattsburgh, March 22, 2020. As another case of COVID-19 is confirmed in Clinton County, numbers reported on the NYS Department of Health website are causing some confusion. As of yesterday, Clinton County had 3 positive cases, but the NYSDOH was reporting four. One individual who used to reside in Plattsburgh is listed within the Clinton County count, even though they had previously moved from the region. The person had not updated their license information with the Department of Motor Vehicles.

Today, March 22nd, CCHD has been notified of another positive test result bringing the total number of cases in Clinton County to four (although the NYSDOH site will say five).

This most recently confirmed case is isolating at home. The individual, is a male in his fifties who was identified for testing through the Health Department’s contact tracing process. He was determined to have had close contact with the second case and was tested for that reason.

“As we see spread in our community, it becomes even more important that residents continue to take steps to slow the spread of COVID-19.” stressed Erin Streiff, Director of Health Care Services for Clinton County Health Department.

“Our federal, state and local partners have taken unprecedented steps to mitigate the impact of COVID-19, stated John Kanoza, Director of Public Health in Clinton County. Individuals and businesses need to comply with the directives that have been issued. Residents who are well should stay home except to take care of essential needs. Businesses that have been advised to close, must do so. And, businesses that are deemed essential and are remaining open, need to examine customer service practices so that the health and well-being of their employees are protected.”

For most people, COVID-19 will produce mild symptoms. Certain individuals, however, including older adults and those with compromised immune systems are at higher risk. Those who are ill or have been in close contact with someone who has symptoms of COVID-19 or someone who has tested positive for the illness, must stay home. Stay home also if you have been in contact with anyone who is sick. Other individuals should stay at home with limited exceptions such as shopping for food, picking up medications or going to medical appointments.

About the Clinton County Health Department:

The Health Department is an accredited full service department serving the residents of Clinton County. The Health Department’s Mission is to improve and protect the health, well-being and environment of the people of Clinton County. Visit our website at www.clintonhealth.org or connect with us on Facebook (@clintonhealth), Twitter (@ClintonCountyHD), and Instagram (clintoncountyhealth).

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