News Release

COVID-19 Case Update for Clinton County,

Plattsburgh, March 23, 2020. One of the more common questions that residents have been asking involves the current number of cases in our community. Clinton County Health Department has issued press releases with each of the first four cases in the County. There are now seven cases of COVID-19 and it is anticipated that, just as in other locales, this number will begin to rise more quickly. For this reason, CCHD will be providing a once-a-day case count along with other relevant information. The count will be updated by the day rather than by each newly confirmed test.

For today, March 23, 2020 the total number of confirmed cases among Clinton County residents is seven. Additionally, CCHD has shared that seventy-one individuals are quarantined, eleven of whom have a history of travel that warrants quarantine. Eleven other individuals are in isolation due to illness. So far, fifty-seven tests have come back negative.

John Kanoza, Director of Public Health in Clinton County shared his appreciation for the sacrifices that residents are making to help protect our community. “It’s not easy to stay at home, especially if you are feeling well, but it is necessary.”

Guidance for anyone who is feeling sick includes staying home except to get medical care. This step is critical to reducing community spread of COVID-19. Other steps include separating yourself from other people in your home, cleaning commonly touched surfaces and monitoring your symptoms.

“Most people who become infected with COVID-19 will have symptoms that can be managed at home,” states Erin Streiff, Director of Health Care Services for Clinton County Health Department. “If you develop symptoms such as difficulty breathing; pain or pressure in the chest; new confusion or inability to arouse (wake-up); bluish lips or face call 9-1-1 and advise the call center if you suspect COVID-19 is the cause.”

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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