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COVID-19 3-24-20 Case Update

Plattsburgh, March 24, 2020. As of Tuesday afternoon, the Clinton County Health Department (CCHD) is reporting eight confirmed cases of COVID-19; seven of these cases are community residents. Earlier today, CCHD received laboratory results for an eighth case. This individual is an inmate at Clinton Correctional Facility. CCHD has been in contact with Clinton Correctional Facility, the NYS Department of Health (DOH), and the Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS). All entities are focused on ensuring the health and well-being of the community.

To date, seventy-two tests have come back negative. Seventy-nine residents are in quarantine without symptoms and thirteen are isolated due to symptoms or positive test results. Many more individuals are also self-quarantining or self-isolating based upon general recommendations for anyone who suspects they may have been exposed or are having symptoms, even if they have not been tested.

In previous media releases, CCHD reported the number of tests pending. Ms. Erin Streiff, Director of Health Care Services at the Clinton County Health Department, explained that the only numbers that CCHD can reliably share at this point are the number of positive and negative test results for residents of the County. “This is not just a local outbreak. Testing is happening outside the County which may include tests for our residents. In addition, other sites are testing and those tests are not always reported to CCHD as they are done. The results that CCHD receives through the NYS Electronic Clinical Laboratory Report System (ECLRS) consist of tests that are confirmed positive or negative.”

Community efforts to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 continue to be our best defense. With limited exceptions for those providing essential services, residents are reminded to stay home as much as possible.

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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