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Cayuga County Health Department COVID-19 Situational Update

As of today, Monday, March 23, 2020 Cayuga County has 3 confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 within the community. All three individuals have been placed in mandatory isolation and are monitored daily by Cayuga County Health Department staff.

The first case that was diagnosed, which was a resident living outside of New York State, is in isolation and is not exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19. This individual is improving. He will remain in isolation until he is symptom free for seven days and has two consecutive negative tests in a 24 hour period. He will be monitored daily by health department staff until he is released from isolation. One person was a known contact for this case and they were placed in a mandatory quarantine.

The second confirmed case was identified on Sunday, March 22, 2020. This individual was a Cayuga County female resident in her 20's living outside the City of Auburn. Her known contacts have been notified and they have been placed in mandatory quarantine.

The third confirmed case was also a Cayuga County female resident in her 30's living outside of the City of Auburn. Her known contacts have been notified and they have been placed in mandatory quarantine as well.

Health Department staff will be monitoring all confirmed COVID-19 cases and individuals in mandatory quarantine on a daily basis.

Additionally, on Sunday, March 22, 2020 we received confirmation that a former inmate who was housed at Auburn Correctional Facility tested positive for COVID-19. Contact tracing was conducted for those known contacts of this confirmed case. These individuals are being placed under mandatory quarantine.

We currently have a total number of 26 individuals under mandatory quarantine throughout Cayuga County. To date, we have received test results from 87 individuals tested within various sites in our County. The Cayuga County Health Department is waiting for results on 44 individuals who we tested and have not yet received results. The individuals tested have been asked to self-isolate until their results are received. These number change on a daily basis.



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Laws are in place to protect the health information of any individual, therefore, we will be releasing limited information of a personal nature regarding these cases. Moreover, we are not releasing the exact township, only that the two individuals reside outside of the City. Cayuga County is a close, tight-knit community and with the number of confirmed cases being so low, we are delicately balancing the privacy rights of the individuals while being mindful to provide the public with as much information as possible.
