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Novel Coronavirus (COVID- 19) Update

On March 10, 2020 a Cayuga County resident who had been under precautionary quarantine, as this individual traveled to a country with ongoing transmission of novel Coronavirus, was tested for COVID-19. The result of that test was received today, Friday, March 13, 2020 and was **negative**. As of today, there have been no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Cayuga County.

We are strongly encouraging the public to use a common sense approach when trying to prevent the spread of illnesses including Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

- Limit your involvement in group settings.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- **Stay home when you are sick.**
- **Do not return to work or school until you are fever free for 24 hours.**
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

The community may refer to the following sources for information.

- Cayuga County Health Department website: www.cayugacounty.us/health
- New York State Department of Health [website](#).
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) [website](#)
- United States Department of State [website](#)
- World Health Organization [website](#)

New York State Department of Health has set up a COVID-19 hotline for the general public to use if they have questions. Call 1-888-364-3065.

Anyone with questions or concerns can call the Cayuga County Health Department at 315-253-1560 or visit our website: www.cayugacounty.us/health
