Press Release

Additional COVID-19 Cases Identified in St. Lawrence County

CANTON, NY-- St. Lawrence County Public Health Department learned of 3 additional positive test results and confirmed these results for Coronavirus (COVID-19) within St. Lawrence County today (March 26, 2020). All confirmed cases are individuals residing in St. Lawrence County. With four confirmed cases in total at this time, all individuals have been isolated at home and are being monitored by the St. Lawrence County Public Health Department. The Public Health Department is also contacting anyone who may have been in contact with these individuals to determine whether quarantine or testing may be required.

As with all the communicable diseases the Public Health Department is required to report to New York State Department of Health, there are many things related to cases that we are unable to share. It is important for us to maintain anonymity of all individuals involved. Knowing where cases are located should not change our actions. Coronavirus is highly contagious disease. We need to slow the community spread and ensure our health systems can handle the potential patient load.

Please don’t panic, we are doing everything we can to protect the health of our communities. With four confirmed cases, we your help in following recommendations to stay healthy:

- **STAY HOME!** Travel only for essential needs: medical, groceries, and employment. In public, keep at least 6 feet distance from others.
- Regularly **self-monitor** your own symptoms. Be on alert if you have a fever, cough, or shortness of breath.
- Contact your provider **if you need medical care; call ahead** so they are ready for you
- Separate yourself from others (self-isolate) by using a separate bedroom and bathroom, avoid sharing all personal items
  - have symptoms of fever, cough, and/or shortness of breath
  - have been tested for COVID-19
  - have traveled back from an area within New York State with significant numbers of confirmed cases
  - If you have recently returned from travel and have questions on whether you should self-isolate, please contact the public health department at: 315-244-4542.

If you have additional questions regarding COVID-19, please contact the St. Lawrence County COVID-19 Call Center at 315-229-3970 or email eocallcenter@stlawco.org. The COVID-19 Call Center is open daily between 8am and 4pm at this time. The St. Lawrence County Public Health Department also has updated information on its website at www.stlawco.org/departments/publichealth.

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