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Wayne County (Lyons, NY) - Wayne County Public Health is confirming it has received notification that one additional county resident who has tested positive for COVID-19, bringing our total number of cases up to five. At this time, all five confirmed cases are being treated and continue to be monitored by Wayne County Public Health. As with any case, any possible contacts to a positive case are investigated and contacted as a priority. To protect the privacy of these individuals, no further information will be provided at this time. Wayne County Public Health is also aware of conflicting reports of our number of positive COVID-19 cases and can confirm with certainty, and with the backing of the New York State Department of Health regional office, that our total number of positive cases is five.

At this time the five current Wayne County individuals with COVID-19 are (in no particular order):

- 1 Female in her 30s
- 1 Male in his 60s
- 2 Males in their 70s
- 1 Female in her 80s

Wayne County Public Health is encouraging all residents to take the following actions to reduce the spread of COVID-19;

- If you have symptoms such as cough, fever, or shortness of breath, call your health care provider, especially if you have traveled to an affected area or had contact with a known positive.
- Wash your hands often with warm water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are unavailable, use a hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are ill.
- Stay home if you are ill.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue and then throw the tissue in the trash, or cough or sneeze into the inside of your elbow.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces such as faucet handles, door knobs and other commonly touched surfaces.
- Get your flu shot. Although the flu shot will not protect you from COVID-19, it will help prevent the flu which has similar symptoms to this coronavirus.

We are encouraging members of the public to have a plan in place should they have to stay at home for an extended period of time due to illness or caregiving. The following are actions you can take to prepare in case you or a loved one needs to stay home.

- Ensure you have an adequate supply of essentials and other items that may provide you comfort.

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- Ensure you have adequate amounts of prescription medications and over the counter medications such as cold and cough medicine, fever reducers, cough drops and vitamins.
- Have a supply of food and water so you do not have to go to the grocery store.
- Have a supply of infant formula and baby food if you have an infant at home.
- Pet food, pet medications, and cat litter.

To slow the spread of the virus, the CDC, federal, state and local governments are encouraging social distancing, including:

- Work or engage in schooling from home whenever possible.
- Avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10 people.
- Avoid discretionary travel, shopping trips, and social visits.

For 24/7 GENERAL information on the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

NYSDOH COVID-19 hotline at 1-888-364-3065

For WAYNE COUNTY SPECIFIC information on the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Please email wcph@co.wayne.ny.us

-OR-

****Call the Wayne County Public Health Hotline at 315-946-5700, Monday through Friday, 8am to 4pm****

Other helpful and trustworthy WEBSITES include:

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)-

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/>

The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH)

<https://health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/coronavirus>