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County Executive McMahon Announces Second Case of COVID-19 in Onondaga County

Second case is husband of first case

SYRACUSE, N.Y. – County Executive McMahon announced that a second case of COVID-19 was confirmed in Onondaga County. This individual is the husband of the first case that was announced in a press conference this morning.

County Executive McMahon said, “The patient has been in isolation at home. This finding was not unexpected due to close contact with his wife. This transmission demonstrates why it is so important to practice personal protection measures and social distancing.” McMahon continued, “Most important I want to remind the community that this is the time to come together, stay calm and not let the anxiety of the situation win. Take a minute to check on your neighbor, your loved ones as well as yourself.”

Prevent the Spread of COVID-19

The public needs to step up and protect not just themselves, but others in our community who are most vulnerable to getting severely ill. Simple steps everyone can take to help stop the spread of COVID-19 and other viruses include:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially before eating.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially before eating.

Testing for COVID-19

Stay home and call your doctor if you [have symptoms of COVID-19](#) such as fever, cough, and/or difficulty breathing to get further guidance about testing. If you are elderly, have underlying medical conditions, or are immunocompromised, call your doctor early even if your illness is mild. In an emergency call 911. Your doctor will determine if you have signs and symptoms of COVID-19 [and order the test if needed](#).

Stay informed about COVID-19

Be aware of false information circulating on the internet. Accurate and up-to-date information is available from:

- Onondaga County Health Department: ongov.net/health/coronavirus.html
- New York State Department of Health: health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/coronavirus/

NYSDOH Coronavirus Hotline 1-888-364-3065

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html

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