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Confirmed COVID-19 positive Case identified in Elderwood Ticonderoga Staff

Elizabethtown, NY. Essex County Health Department has been working with Elderwood at Ticonderoga, NYSDOH and the Clinton County Health Department on a confirmed case of COVID in a staff member at the Elderwood nursing home facility.

Initially identified as an Essex County resident, the case was transferred to Clinton County where the staff person is living. The case is under a Health Order of Isolation in Clinton County.

The facility learned of the case Monday night, November 2 and provided notification to staff and families of residents on Tuesday, November 3rd. Included in that notice, Administrator Doug Cosey stated, “We know this news may be concerning, but we want to assure you that while working at Elderwood, this staff member, like all of our staff, had been practicing all recommended infection control protocols, including wearing protective personal equipment which is designed to prevent the spread of infection.”

All nursing home staff are swabbed weekly for COVID-19. Elderwood staff were swabbed today, November 4th, continuing this practice.

“Our Department reached out to offer testing assistance, if needed, to Elderwood,” said Director of Public Health, Linda Beers. “We confirmed they have adequate testing capacity and their plans are spot-on with an appropriate testing plan given this scenario. We ensured Elderwood had contacted NYSDOH, and they had. We’re all working collaboratively to ensure the health and safety of all the Elderwood residents, staff and the community,” said Beers.

As confirmed by the Essex County Health Department, the facility conducted rapid COVID testing for all residents (except 1 who refused) on November 3rd. All residents are being offered further, confirmatory testing on Friday, November 6, 2020.

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