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Cluster of COVID-19 Confirmed at the Lee House in Port Henry

Elizabethtown, NY.

Essex County Health Department announces the investigation of a cluster of COVID-19 cases in residents of the Lee House Apartments in Port Henry; town of Moriah.

A single case of COVID-19 was identified to the Essex County Health Department on the morning of Saturday, October 10, 2020. On Sunday, October 11, 2020 two (2) additional cases of COVID-19 were confirmed.

Essex County Board of Supervisors, serving also as the Essex County Board of Health, requests the immediate suspension of visitors at the Lee House Apartments for a period of at least fourteen (14) days. This request is in place to prevent additional spread while the investigation continues.

“The Health Department is working on identifying and isolating all cases, and identifying and quarantining all contacts. Suspending visitation is a step we can take to prevent any additional contacts from occurring within the facility while the Health Department conducts its investigation,” stated Board Chairman, Shaun Gilliland.

“Our Department supports this decision by Chairman Gilliland and the Board of Supervisors,” confirmed Linda Beers, Director of Public Health. “We aim to prevent further infections and limit the impact on the community,” Beers continued. “We again remind everyone to help prevent the spread of COVID-19: practice social distancing, wear a mask in public and wash your hands frequently.”

The Essex County Health Department is working closely with county departments and agencies, local hospital and healthcare partners, and the state Department of Health in all COVID-19 response efforts.

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