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TIOGA COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE – APRIL 23, 2020

Owego, NY – Tioga County Legislative Chairwoman Sauerbrey reported the following Tioga County COVID-19 Statistics:

- 68 Confirmed Cases Total confirmed cases, to date.
- **72 Individuals in Mandatory Quarantine.** These are individuals who have had close contact (6 ft.) with someone who has tested positive, but is not displaying symptoms for COVID-19; or individuals that have traveled to China, Iran, Japan, South Korea, or Italy and is displaying symptoms of COVID-19.
- **1 Individuals in Precautionary Quarantine.** These are individuals who have traveled to China, Iran, Japan, South Korea, or Italy while COVID-19 was prevalent, but is not displaying symptoms; or is known to have had a proximate exposure to a positive person but has not had direct contact with a positive person and is not displaying symptoms.
- 0 Pending Test
- **20 Recovered** Total number of individuals who had a confirmed case of COVID-19 and are now symptom and fever-free that meet the criteria to be released from Isolation.
- 4 Deaths

This is a snapshot of data provided to Tioga County Public Health at this point in time. Administered tests are tracked in various ways. Test results are reported.

As of April 21, 2020, Tioga County Chairwoman Sauerbrey reported **Tioga County Department of Social Services (DSS)** now has a new, free mobile application available to county residents that enables them to submit necessary documents. NYDocSubmit is a mobile app that provides individuals who have applied for, or are receiving DSS benefits, the ability to simply and quickly submit documentation to DSS. This mobile app is available for download on Google Play or the Apple App Store (search for NYDocSubmit) and can be used to take photos of documents and upload them to Tioga County DSS. During this time of COVID-19 restrictions, having the ability to submit the necessary documentation remotely is essential to continue supporting families in our county.

COVID-19 has impacted the employment and income of many county residents. Anyone in receipt of SNAP whose employment has been affected, either because they are currently unemployed or are experiencing a decrease in hours worked, should report these changes to DSS as soon as possible as it may increase their SNAP benefit amount. A convenient way to report this information is to complete and submit an online SNAP change report form at <u>www.mybenefits.ny.gov</u>. If you are now in receipt of unemployment, you can also submit proof of this and other new documentation using the newly implemented NYDocSubmit. Ronald E. Dougherty County Office Building 56 Main Street Owego, NY 13827

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For further information, please refer to the following resources:

- NEW! <u>https://covid19.tiogacountyny.com</u>
- NEW! Tioga County Coronavirus Response Hotline 687-8225
- Facebook @Tioga County Public Health
- Facebook @TiogaMH (Tioga County Department of Mental Hygiene)
- Tioga County Public Health Voicemail Line 687-8623
- NYS Coronavirus Hotline: 888-364-3065 (for general questions or information about COVID-19)
- Tioga County Emergency Food Hotline 607-354-0965

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