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## TIOGA COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE – MAY 8, 2020

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

- **113 Confirmed Cases** – Total confirmed cases, to date.
- **86 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.
- **0 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.
- **39 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.
- **15 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.*

Chairwoman Sauerbrey is happy to report three new recoveries today.

Chairwoman Sauerbrey reported New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo has outlined the types of industries and business that may open during each phase of the **State's re-opening plan**. Businesses considered "more essential" with inherent low risks of infection in the workplace and to customers will be prioritized, followed by other businesses considered "less essential" or those that present a higher risk of infection spread.

**Only those businesses classified under Phase 1 are eligible to re-open as of May 15<sup>th</sup>. Also, please be aware that information related to the phased re-opening plan is extremely fluid, due to the continued monitoring of data. Please be vigilant in checking the State guidelines to see if proposed dates and/or categories have changed.**

Chairwoman Sauerbrey reported the staged re-opening consists of four Phases:

- **Phase 1 includes: Eligible to re-open as of May 15, 2020**  
Construction, manufacturing & wholesale supply chain, and select retail using curbside pickup only.
- **Phase 2 includes:**  
Professional services, finance and insurance, retail, administrative support, and real estate & rental leasing.

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- **Phase 3 includes:**  
Restaurants & food service and hotels & accommodations
- **Phase 4 includes:**  
Arts, entertainment & recreation, and education

Re-opening dates for Phases 2- 4 will be determined and announced by the State at a later date, however, will be based on continued data analysis.

Each business and industry will be required to have a plan to protect employees and consumers, make the physical work place safer, and implement processes that lower risk of infection in the business.

For additional information, please see County webpage <https://covid19.tiogacountyny.com> for the Guide on Best Practices businesses should consider when developing their plan. The plan will be required to be posted at the place of business, as well as the business webpage, if available. Businesses are encouraged to start developing a plan in preparation of the State announcing future Phase date re-openings.

For further information, please refer to the following resources:

- **NEW! <https://covid19.tiogacountyny.com>**
- **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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