



PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

September 27, 2020

Contact: Tioga County Legislative Office

TIOGA COUNTY

COVID-19 UPDATE – SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

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

- **242 Confirmed Cases** – Total confirmed cases, to date.
- **136 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; or individuals who traveled outside of New York State to one of the states identified by the Governor with a mandatory 14-day quarantine period upon return.
- **204 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.
- **13 Active Cases**
- **25 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.

Tioga County Chairwoman Sauerbrey reported Tioga County Public Health continues to see positive COVID-19 cases that are tied to community spread. When an individual tests positive for COVID-19, there is an increased risk for those they have had close contact with to also develop the virus. This leads to many individuals having to go into a mandatory 14-day quarantine due to their potential exposure to the virus.

Some common places where community spread has been seen recently in our area are:

- Churches
- Weddings
- Gatherings (both large and small)
- Non-Household family gatherings

COVID-19 is out there! We all need to do our part to prevent a spike in new cases in our community. You can help protect yourself and others by:

- Avoiding close contact with individuals who do not live in your household
- Wear a mask when in public places and while attending gatherings, especially if social distancing cannot be maintained
- Attend virtual meetings and services when possible
- If you don't feel well, STAY HOME to avoid potentially putting others at risk

While most individuals who contract COVID-19 are asymptomatic, or have mild symptoms only lasting a few days, we continue to see some individuals who develop more serious symptoms that last for several weeks.

Jessica Lovell, Supervising Public Health Nurse reminds our residents to “continue practicing safety precautions every day like wearing a mask, practicing social distancing, and staying home when sick to protect yourself and others from COVID-19!”

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**

###