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Tioga County COVID-19 Update for September 15, 2021 – September 21, 2021

COVID-19 case breakdown in Tioga County from September 15, 2021 – September 21, 2021:

- **New Cases: 102**
 - **Unvaccinated: 39**
 - **Vaccinated: 31**
 - **Children Under 12: 17**
 - **Unknown Vaccination Status: 15**
- **Hospitalizations: 3**
- **Deaths: 2**
- **Current Actives Cases: 129**

Vaccination status is self-reported by the positive case or their parent/guardian during the case investigation. Several factors may affect one's protection against COVID-19 including which vaccine they received, how long it has been since they were vaccinated, and what precautions they are taking to protect themselves from COVID-19. The COVID-19 vaccine offers protection against severe illness and hospitalization.

If you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 or if you are sick, **please stay home!** If you are around others while exhibiting symptoms, wear a mask and avoid being in close contact with others. What you think may be a common cold may actually end up being COVID-19 which could make someone else more seriously ill.

We have been getting many calls regarding the COVID-19 booster shot. At this time, we are waiting for federal and New York State guidance to be determined. While we wait for booster shots to become available, we highly recommend that those who are immunocompromised wear a mask, practice social distancing, and wash your hands frequently, especially when in public areas to protect yourself against COVID-19.

Katie Wait, Preparedness Coordinator at Tioga County Public Health reminds our community that while our primary focus has been the COVID-19 pandemic, September is National Preparedness Month. "We want to remind our residents that disasters can strike at any moment, without warning, so it's important to be prepared. Talk to friends and family about how you'll communicate before, during, and after a disaster. Gather supplies that will last for several days after a disaster for everyone in your home (including your pets). Make sure you consider the unique needs of each individual and pets when you gather supplies." To learn more, visit <https://www.ready.gov/plan>.

COVID-19 Resources:

- COVID-19 Vaccine Locations: <https://www.vaccines.gov/>
- Testing Locations: <https://get-tested-covid19.org/>
- Tioga County Public Health Website: ph.tiogacountyny.gov
- Tioga County Public Health Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/tiogacountypublichealth>