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TIOGA COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE – APRIL 21, 2020

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

- 65 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.
- **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.
- 1 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.

Chairwoman Sauerbrey extends her sincere appreciation to Home Central for volunteering to be a mask donation center for Tioga County!

Anyone who has made homemade masks that wishes to donate back to the community can bring them to their stores in Candor Store (309 Owego Rd, Candor, NY 13743) and Owego Store (151 Central Ave, Owego, NY 13827) during regular businesses hours (Monday - Friday: 7:30am - 5:30pm, Saturday: 7:30am - 5:00pm, and Sunday: 9:00am - 3:00pm). These masks will be available for pick up for those who do not yet have a mask and who are unable to make their own.

As of April 17th, New York State is now requiring anyone who is going out into public to wear a mask when social distancing cannot be practiced. This will be extremely important for anyone going to grocery stores and other essential stores where they may encounter other individuals, including store employees. Wearing masks in public is a critical component to helping to stop the spread of COVID-19.

Those donating masks are asked to prewash the masks and package them into individual plastic bags. Anyone picking up a mask is asked to wash the mask before using it. If you are visiting either of these stores, please practice social distancing upon picking up your mask. Masks will be available on a first come, first serve basis and will only be available as donations come in.

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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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