



## PRESS RELEASE

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

October 22, 2020

Contact: Tioga County Legislative Office

## TIOGA COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE – OCTOBER 22, 2020

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

- **518 Confirmed Cases** – Total confirmed cases, to date.
- **476 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.
- **321 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.
- **167 Active Cases**
- **30 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 Legislative Chairwoman Sauerbrey stated, "I am overwhelmed by the strength and character of our community. So much has changed in a short period of time – the world around us, our neighborhoods, gathering spaces, the places we work and call home. Life in the midst of COVID-19 has sparked fear, frustration and anxiety all around. It is easy for distractions, criticism and stress to creep in. When this is over we will debrief and look at all aspects of this pandemic, but now, more than ever, we must focus all of our energy on being safe. Nothing is more important than ensuring the health and safety of our families, the community and our workforce.

"I have confidence that staying home as much as possible will 'flatten the curve,' or slow down transmission of the infection. I encourage everyone to take precautions during the next few weeks in order that we can get our numbers down and continue to function in our community. As long as we follow the guidelines of wearing a mask, social distancing and limiting our social interactions, we will be able to shop, get our hair done, go to the gym and decide for ourselves how we will live our lives. This is a decision that each of us make for the good of all."

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 ###