

## Tioga County Public Health Department

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## Tioga County COVID-19 Update for January 26, 2022 - February 1, 2022

COVID-19 case breakdown in Tioga County from January 26, 2022 – February 1, 2022:

(**Please Note:** Data does not include positive at-home tests)

New Cases: 373

Ages 0 - 17: 62
Ages 18 - 64: 255
Ages 65+: 56

Hospitalizations: 7(Known) Deaths: 1

Current Active Cases: 241

New York State Case Investigators are now conducting abbreviated interviews with positive cases and do not ask vaccination status (among other questions) when conducing their interview.

Additional data is available at <a href="https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-testing-tracker">https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-testing-tracker</a>.

Tioga County continues to have high community transmission of COVID-19. The best defense against severe illness from COVID-19 is vaccination and booster shots! Wearing a mask while in indoor public areas can also help prevent the spread of COVID-19, especially among those who are asymptomatic carriers of the virus. Please be mindful that those around you may have underlying health conditions, which could make them more susceptible to a more severe case of COVID-19, so try and social distance when possible.

The New York State Governor's Indoor Mask Mandate for businesses without mandatory vaccination policies remains in place until February 10, 2022. Well-fitting masks should be worn while in public indoor areas regardless of vaccination status, unless a mandatory vaccination policy is in place. This mandate will continue to be re-evaluated on a two-week basis and will be dependent on COVID case trends across the state. Please be respectful of the businesses you visit and follow signage they have posted.

## **COVID-19 Resources:**

- COVID-19 Vaccine Locations: https://www.vaccines.gov/
- Find a COVID-19 Test Site Near You: <a href="https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/find-test-site-near-you">https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/find-test-site-near-you</a>
- COVID-19 State Run Testing Locations: https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-testing
- New York State Dashboard: https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-testing-tracker
- Tioga County Public Health Website: ph.tiogacountyny.gov
- Tioga County Public Health Facebook Page: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/tiogacountypublichealth">https://www.facebook.com/tiogacountypublichealth</a>