



# Tioga County Public Health Department

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### **Tioga County COVID-19 Update for December 8, 2021 – December 14, 2021**

COVID-19 case breakdown in Tioga County from December 8, 2021 – December 14, 2021:

- **New Cases: 268**
  - **Unvaccinated: 124**
  - **Vaccinated: 91**
  - **Unknown Vaccination Status: 20**
  - **Children Under 12: 33**
- **Hospitalizations: 9**
- **(Known) Deaths: 0**
- **Current Active Cases: 296**

*Data is a snapshot of what is reported to us via different venues. Vaccination status is self-reported by the positive case or their parent/guardian during the case investigation. Tioga County is not always notified when a death occurs. Deaths related to COVID-19 are reported to our department in different ways. Various factors may impact the severity of one's COVID-19 illness including underlying health conditions and vaccination status. The COVID-19 vaccine offers protection against severe illness and hospitalization. We encourage eligible individuals to get vaccinated.*

Tioga County continues to see an average of approximately 38 new COVID-19 cases every day, ranging from a low of 29 to a high of 74 cases per day from December 8 - December 14. We are finding that most of our positive cases are experiencing symptoms, ranging from mild to severe. There is also an increase in other seasonal illnesses such as influenza, the common cold, and strep throat, circulating around the community right now. Please continue to follow safety precautions to keep yourself healthy: wash your hands often, practice good respiratory hygiene, wear a mask, social distance, get vaccinated or boosted, and please **stay home if you are sick!**

Due to the increase in COVID-19 cases being seen across New York State, Governor Kathy Hochul announced on Friday that a statewide mask mandate would be in effect across New York State while visiting indoor public places, unless a business or venue requires proof of vaccination. Wearing masks has proven to be an effective tool to help slow the spread of COVID-19. Please be supportive of businesses you visit during this time and follow signage on their door regarding the use of masks while inside of their business.

#### **COVID-19 At-Home Testing:**

If an adult tests positive using an at-home test kit, please isolate at home for 10 days from:

- The day symptoms started; or
- The day you tested positive

Household members of the positive case who are not vaccinated or who are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 (regardless of vaccination status) must quarantine at home for 10 days. Household members who are fully vaccinated and who are not having symptoms are not required to quarantine.

Anyone who tests positive with an at-home test is responsible for notifying their employer, their child/children's school district (if applicable), and anyone they were in close contact with who may have been exposed. It is also strongly recommended that they contact their healthcare provider or visit a COVID-19 test site to have a laboratory test (ex. PCR test) done to confirm that they have COVID-19.

If a school aged child tests positive for COVID-19 through an at-home test, their parent/guardian must contact their child's school district to report the positive test result. The school district will notify our department and a member of our team will complete the case investigation.

### **Pfizer, Moderna, and J&J COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic:**

- When: Saturday, December 18
- Where: Candor Elementary School (2 Academy St, Candor, NY 13743)
- Time:
  - 9:30am - 12:00pm: First Dose for 5 - 11 years (Pfizer Vaccine Only); and,
  - 12:30pm - 5:00pm: First Dose for 12+ and Boosters for 16+ (Pfizer, Moderna, and J&J Vaccines)

Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson vaccines will be on hand giving individuals the option to choose which vaccine they receive. Pre-registration is highly recommended for children ages 5 – 11 by calling or emailing the Candor Elementary School Nurse at (607) 659-4965 or [kmyers@candorcs.org](mailto:kmyers@candorcs.org). Those ages 12+ do not need to pre-register and may show up anytime between 12:30pm and 5:00pm for their vaccine.

### **COVID-19 Resources:**

- COVID-19 Vaccine Locations: <https://www.vaccines.gov/>
- Testing Locations: <https://get-tested-covid19.org/>
- New York State Dashboard: <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-testing-tracker>
- Tioga County Public Health Website: [ph.tiogacountyny.gov](http://ph.tiogacountyny.gov)
- Tioga County Public Health Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/tiogacountypublichealth>