

## Tioga County Public Health Department

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## Tioga County COVID-19 Update for November 17, 2021 - November 23, 2021

COVID-19 case breakdown in Tioga County from November 17, 2021 – November 23, 2021:

New Cases: 215

Unvaccinated: 100Vaccinated: 87

Unknown Vaccination Status: 7

Children Under 12: 21

Hospitalizations: 8

Deaths: 2

Current Active Cases: 264

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. Deaths related to COVID-19 are reported to our department in different ways. Tioga County is not always notified when a death occurs. 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.

We are noticing that many of our positive cases are experiencing respiratory symptoms like runny nose, congestion, sore throat, and cough, especially in the younger population and those who are fully vaccinated. While many may have a mild case of COVID-19, we continue to see more serious cases occur where individuals experience fever, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, and shortness of breath. There continues to be concern for those who have underlying health conditions that leave them more susceptible to serious illness and hospitalization, along with children under the age of five who are too young to be vaccinated.

With the holidays coming up, we want to remind our community to celebrate safety! Get your flu shot, COVID-19 vaccine, and get your booster shot. If you are experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19 or another illness, do not host or attend a gathering and contact your health care provider. If possible, social distance from other families at Thanksgiving dinner. Tioga County Public Health hopes you are able to safely enjoy time with your friends and family this Thanksgiving!

## **COVID-19 Resources:**

- Reporting Positive At-Home Test Results: 607-687-8600 (option 1)
- COVID-19 Vaccine Locations: <a href="https://www.vaccines.gov/">https://www.vaccines.gov/</a>
- 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
- Tioga County Public Health Facebook Page: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/tiogacountypublichealth">https://www.facebook.com/tiogacountypublichealth</a>