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TIOGA COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE – OCTOBER 19, 2020

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

- **460 Confirmed Cases** – Total confirmed cases, to date.
- **437 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.
- **287 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.
- **144 Active Cases**
- **29 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 Chairwoman Martha Sauerbrey regrets to inform you of the loss of another life related to COVID-19. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends of the loss of their loved one.

Riverview Rehabilitation and Nursing in Owego Identified as COVID-19 Hotspot

Tioga County Chairwoman Sauerbrey has been in close communication with Tioga County Public Health and Riverview Rehabilitation and Nursing in Owego regarding a surge in COVID-19 cases at the nursing home. As of October 19th, there are numerous residents and staff members that have tested positive for COVID-19. The facility has also lost two residents to the virus.

Lisa McCafferty, Public Health Director says, “Riverview is working closely with us and the New York State Department of Health to get a handle on the current situation.” Efforts to control the virus are ongoing. Staff continue to be tested on a weekly basis at the facility, and all residents were tested early on and continue to be monitored during the outbreak.

Riverview continues to communicate with family members of residents at the facility to keep them informed of the ongoing situation. New York State guidelines require staff to go through daily health screenings when entering the building and requires them to wear surgical masks to guard against any potential asymptomatic spread. Staff members are also required to be tested at least once a week for COVID-19.

For more information on COVID-19, please visit [covid19.tiogacountyny.com](https://www.covid19.tiogacountyny.com). Family members of residents at Riverview are encouraged to call the facility directly with any questions.

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**

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