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TIOGA COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE – OCTOBER 21, 2020

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

- **502 Confirmed Cases** – Total confirmed cases, to date.
- **496 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.
- **304 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.
- **168 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.

COVID-19 Rapid Testing Site in Owego on October 24th & 25th

The Tioga County Public Health Department in partnership with Tioga County Chair Martha Sauerbrey, Guthrie Healthcare, Tioga Opportunities Inc., and the New York State Department of Health will be offering free rapid COVID-19 testing. The testing site will be at Tioga Opportunities Energy Services Building at 9 Sheldon Guile Boulevard, Owego, NY 13827 on these dates:

- Saturday, October 24 from 10:00am – 6:00pm
- Sunday, October 25 from 10:00am – 6:00pm

You MUST pre-register! Please visit covid19.tiogacountyny.com or the Tioga County Public Health Facebook page for the electronic registration link. If you cannot register electronically, please call us at 607-687-8600. Please plan to report at your scheduled time to help with running the clinic as efficiently as possible. Testing is free and does not require a doctor's order. You do not need to be a resident of Tioga County to register for this testing location.

When you arrive at the site, please wait for further direction for staff before entering the building. Masks are required to be worn once you exit your vehicle and must be worn at all times while inside the building.

Testing for COVID-19 leads to quick identification of cases and immediate isolation of the person to prevent further spread in our community. Confirmed cases and close contacts to positive cases are quarantined to further reduce spread. Testing is a vital tool for public health officials to monitor the

COVID-19 infection rate and to identify asymptomatic carriers in the community. Those with general COVID-19 question may call Tioga County Public Health at 607-687-8623.

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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