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TIOGA COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE – APRIL 7, 2020

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

- **12 Confirmed Cases** – Total confirmed cases, to date.
- **37 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.
- **6 Individuals in Precautionary Quarantine.** These are individuals who have traveled to China, Iran, Japan, South Korea, or Italy while COVID-19 was prevalent, but is not displaying symptoms; or is known to have had a proximate exposure to a positive person but has not had direct contact with a positive person and is not displaying symptoms.
- **7 Pending Tests.**
- **5 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. *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.*

Chairwoman Sauerbrey reported the Tioga County Public Health Department has been notified that a **positive case has been associated with Family Dollar. The individual worked multiple shifts at Family Dollar in the past week, located at 25 North Main Street in Newark Valley, NY.**

If you had close contact (within 6 feet) with any employee of the **Family Dollar in Newark Valley on April 1, 2020 or April 2, 2020, please do the following:**

- Call your Primary Care Provider.
 - You may seek testing at Cayuga Medical Center **ONLY** if you have symptoms. Please pre-register online at cayugahealth.org. If you do not have access to internet, call 607-319-5708.
 - If you do not have symptoms, self-quarantine in your home for 14 days from the last date you shopped at the Family Dollar; however, you must contact Tioga County Public Health for an official order.
 - If you sought testing and the result is negative, continue to self-quarantine and monitor yourself for the full 14 days from the last time you shopped at Family Dollar. If you become symptomatic, seek testing again.
 - Monitor your health for any symptoms of cough, fever, and shortness of breath.
- Tioga County residents can help prevent the spread of COVID-19, not only to protect themselves, but others in the community who are most vulnerable for serious illness – older adults, immune-compromised individuals, and individuals who have underlying chronic health conditions.

Office of the Legislative Chair



Martha Sauerbrey Legislative Chair

Everyone can take these steps to stop the spread of COVID-19 and “flatten the curve”:

- Stay home, even if you don't feel sick.
- Wash hands well and often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Keep 6 feet distance between yourself and others when in public.
- Avoid close contact with other people.
- Cover coughs and sneezes.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily.
- Social distancing does not mean emotional isolation – check on friends, coworkers, neighbors, and family through calls and texts.
- Wear a cloth face covering in public settings where social distancing is difficult to maintain (for example, grocery stores and pharmacies). The CDC released a new recommendation to wear cloth face coverings on April 3, 2020.

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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