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TIOGA COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE – APRIL 8, 2020

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

- **15 Confirmed Cases** – Total confirmed cases, to date.
- **84 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.
- **5 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.
- **9 Pending Tests.**
- **7 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 it is essential that everyone remains home over the next several weeks and continues to do their part to help slow the spread of COVID-19. ***If you must go out, the CDC is now recommending that you use a cloth face covering when going into public settings such as grocery stores and pharmacies as a way to prevent someone from transmitting the virus who may be asymptomatic (someone who has the virus, but currently is not showing symptoms and may not otherwise know they are a carrier).***

The general public is encouraged to use and make cloth masks out of things like handkerchiefs or cotton t-shirts. Directions on how to make a face mask can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>. Surgical mask and N-95 masks should be left for healthcare professionals and first responders. If you do not have a cloth mask, remaining six feet apart from other individuals is critical.

Remember that just because you feel fine doesn't mean that you can't be a carrier of COVID-19. Limit your time in public when getting essentials, wash your hands when entering the store and avoid touching your personal items, and cover your face with a cloth to do your part in helping to protect the public!

For more COVID-19 information, please visit <https://covid19.tiogacountyny.com>

Office of the Legislative Chair



Martha Sauerbrey Legislative Chair

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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