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TIOGA COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE – MAY 29, 2020

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

- **138 Confirmed Cases** – Total confirmed cases, to date.
- **108 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.
- **79 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.
- **21 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.

A statement from Martha Sauerbrey, Chairwoman of the Tioga County Legislature. “Today in the Governor’s daily Press Conference he officially announced that Phase 2 has opened for the Southern Tier Region of New York. As an elected official I can tell you that this is great news for Tioga County, the Southern Tier and all of the businesses that are affected by this announcement.”

The process of re-opening is frustrating at the very least, and we are at the mercy of the Governor on how and when he wants to release information. Thank you to all the businesses in Tioga County for your patience as we have gone through this process.

As we move forward to Phase 3 we will operate with caution as we look to open restaurants and other businesses and not assume that just because our numbers are good we will automatically open. The Governor is in charge, he makes the decisions and that is how it works.

I can assure you that we are fighting to keep everyone safe and we are fighting to open our businesses as soon as it is safe and legal to do so.

Additional guidance for **Phase II industries** has been posted at <https://forward.ny.gov/phase-two-industries>, including:

- Office-Based Work <https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/governor.ny.gov/files/atoms/files/offices-interim-guidance.pdf>
- Real Estate Services <https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/governor.ny.gov/files/atoms/files/realestate-masterguidance.pdf>
- Commercial Building Management <https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/governor.ny.gov/files/atoms/files/commercial-building-management-master-guidance.pdf>
- Essential and Phase II Retail – In-Store Sales <https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/governor.ny.gov/files/atoms/files/RetailMasterGuidance.pdf>
- Vehicle Sales, Leases, and Rentals <https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/governor.ny.gov/files/atoms/files/motor-vehicles-master-guidance.pdf>
- Retail Rental, Repair, and Cleaning <https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/governor.ny.gov/files/atoms/files/retailrental-repair-cleaning-master-guidance.pdf>
- Hair Salon and Barber Shop guidance: <https://forward.ny.gov/phase-two-industries>

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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