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## TIOGA COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE – OCTOBER 2, 2020

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

- **283 Confirmed Cases** – Total confirmed cases, to date.
- **296 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.
- **205 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.
- **52 Active Cases**
- **26 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 Legislative Chairwoman Sauerbrey reported we have a considerable spike in COVID-19 cases in Tioga County and across the Southern Tier. Community spread is a serious problem and we all need to get in the game and help stop the spread. Only you and I can fix this problem by being more aware and practicing safety precautions. This weekend stay away from large social events and groups of people at your local bar or social club. Wear a mask; wash your hands, social distance. Whether you “believe it or not”, using these safety precautions can keep your friends and family healthy - including yourself. For the safety of the whole community, let's follow the rules. To help prevent the spread of COVID-19, everyone should:

- Clean your hands often, with either soap and water for 20 seconds or a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Put distance between yourself and other people (at least 6 feet).
- Cover your mouth and nose with a mask when around others.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces daily.
- CDC recommends that people wear masks in public settings and when around people outside of their household, especially when other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain.

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