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Tioga County Weekly Update for February 9, 2022 – February 15, 2022

As COVID-19 cases continue to decline, we are seeing new cases of the seasonal flu weekly in Tioga County and New York State is seeing widespread flu activity. From October 6, 2021 – February 5, 2022, Tioga County has seen 145 confirmed cases of influenza. This contagious respiratory illness can cause serious illness, especially in vulnerable populations like young children and older adults. If you have not gotten your seasonal flu shot yet, it is not too late! Contact your healthcare provider or pharmacy to schedule your vaccination appointment.

On February 10, 2022, New York State Governor Kathy Hochul announced that the indoor business mask mandate would be lifted; However, businesses still have the option to require masks for employees and customers. Please be respectful of businesses that are still requiring masks. At this time, New York State still has mask mandates in place for healthcare settings, adult care facilities, P - 12 schools, correctional facilities and detention centers, homeless shelters, public transportation and at transportation hubs.

Even though the indoor business mask mandate has been lifted, it is still recommended that those with underlying health conditions and those at higher risk for developing severe illness from COVID-19 continue to wear a mask when in public places and practice social distancing.

COVID-19 case breakdown in Tioga County from February 9, 2022 – February 15, 2022

(Please Note: Data does not include positive at-home tests)

- **New Cases:** 109
- **Hospitalizations:** 2
- **(Known) Deaths:** 1
- **Current Active Cases:** 47

New York State Case Investigators are now conducting abbreviated interviews with positive cases and do not ask vaccination status (among other questions) when conducting their interview.

Additional data is available at <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-testing-tracker>.

COVID-19 Resources:

- COVID-19 Vaccine Locations: <https://www.vaccines.gov/>
- Find a COVID-19 Test Site Near You: <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/find-test-site-near-you>
- COVID-19 State Run Testing Locations: <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-testing>
- New York State Dashboard: <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-testing-tracker>
- Tioga County Public Health Website: ph.tiogacountyny.gov
- Tioga County Public Health Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/tiogacountypublichealth>