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Tioga County COVID-19 Update for October 20, 2021 – October 26, 2021

COVID-19 case breakdown in Tioga County from October 20, 2021 – October 26, 2021:

- **New Cases:** 168
 - **Unvaccinated:** 71
 - **Vaccinated:** 66
 - **Children Under 12:** 25
 - **Unknown Vaccination Status:** 6
- **Hospitalizations:** 5
- **Deaths:** 5
- **Current Actives Cases:** 217

Vaccination status is self-reported by the positive case or their parent/guardian during the case investigation. Several factors may affect one's protection against COVID-19 including which vaccine they received, how long it has been since they were vaccinated, and what precautions they are taking to protect themselves from COVID-19. The COVID-19 vaccine offers protection against severe illness and hospitalization. We encourage eligible individuals to get vaccinated.

The COVID-19 Booster shot has been approved! Individuals who received the **Pfizer** or **Moderna** vaccine 6 months ago or more and who are part of one of the following groups may now get their booster shot:

- 65 years and older
- Age 18+ who live in long-term care settings
- Age 18+ who have underlying medical conditions
- Age 18+ who work or live in high-risk settings

A booster shot is also recommended for anyone over 18 who received the **Johnson & Johnson** vaccine 2 months ago or more, regardless if they are in one of the above groups. Eligible individuals may choose which vaccine they receive as a booster dose. All three of the COVID-19 vaccines continue to be highly effective in reducing risk of severe disease, hospitalization, and death. Vaccination remains the best way to protect yourself and reduce the spread of the virus. To find a location to get your COVID-19 booster shot, please visit <https://www.vaccines.gov/> or contact your primary care provider.

Tioga County Public Health continues to encourage members of our community to stay home if they are sick as there are many different contagious infections circulating around our community including COVID-19, RSV, Strep Throat, and more. We also encourage everyone 6 months and older to get their annual flu shot!

COVID-19 Resources:

- COVID-19 Vaccine Locations: <https://www.vaccines.gov/>
- Testing Locations: <https://get-tested-covid19.org/>
- Tioga County Public Health Website: ph.tiogacountyny.gov
- Tioga County Public Health Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/tiogacountypublichealth>