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Tioga County COVID-19 Update for October 13, 2021 – October 19, 2021

COVID-19 case breakdown in Tioga County from October 13, 2021 – October 19, 2021:

- **New Cases:** 196
 - **Unvaccinated:** 68
 - **Vaccinated:** 81
 - **Children Under 12:** 26
 - **Unknown Vaccination Status:** 21
- **Hospitalizations:** 9
- **Deaths:** 4
- **Current Actives Cases:** 219

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.

Over the last week, Tioga County Public Health has started seeing COVID-19 cases in children who have simultaneously been diagnosed with another infection, like RSV (respiratory syncytial virus) or strep throat. RSV is a viral infection that causes common cold-like symptoms and strep throat is a bacterial infection that causes a fever and sore throat. Both present similar symptoms that are seen in those who have COVID-19, and are confirmed through a laboratory diagnosis. We are concerned about those who have been diagnosed with COVID-19 and another illness at the same time, as RSV and strep throat can both become more serious for children and older adults who have weaker immune systems.

Good hygiene can help prevent infections like COVID-19, strep throat, and RSV:

- Avoid close contact with sick people
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze
- Put your used tissue in the waste basket
- Cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve or elbow, not your hands, if you don't have a tissue
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Use an alcohol-based hand rub if soap and water are not available

To limit the spread of COVID-19 and other illnesses like RSV and strep throat, please stay home if you are sick!

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>