

Tioga County Public Health Department

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HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE – TUESDAY JANUARY 4, 2022

PUBLIC HEALTH

PERSONNEL:

- None

DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:

- Agency Report for December 2021
- Agency Financials December 2021

RESOLUTION:

- None

PROCLAMATION:

- National Radon Action Month (Repeat)

County of Tioga
EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: Radon is the leading cause of lung cancer deaths among nonsmokers in America and claims the lives of about 21,000 Americans each year; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County has been identified as one of five counties in New York State with the highest levels of radon. The towns of Candor, Barton, Newark Valley, Nichols, and Berkshire have the highest rates within the county; and

WHEREAS: You can't see, smell or taste radon, but it could be present at a dangerous level in your home; and

WHEREAS: Homes tested to date in Tioga County show 57% have elevated levels above 4 picocuries per liter in the basement and 33% on the first floor; and

WHEREAS: Radon is constantly being generated by the radium in rocks, soil, water and derived materials, such as certain building supplies; and

WHEREAS: Radon can get into buildings through cracks in solid floors and walls, construction joints, gaps in suspended floors, gaps around service pipes, cavities inside walls or the water supply; and

WHEREAS: Exposure to radon is a preventable health risk, and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Surgeon General urge all Americans to protect their health by testing their homes, schools and other buildings for radon to prevent unnecessary exposure; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Public Health offers free radon testing for Tioga County residents through the Healthy Neighborhoods program. Appointments can be scheduled by calling 607-687-8600; now therefore

The TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE, County of Tioga, does hereby proclaim the month of January 2022 as:

NATIONAL RADON ACTION MONTH

and urges all residents to take steps to educate themselves, their families, and the community about the importance of radon testing.

Dated: January 11, 2022

MARTHA SAUERBREY, CHAIR
TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE



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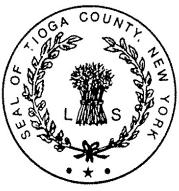
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INTERNAL MEMO

TO: William H. Standinger, III; Chair, HHS Committee
FROM: Lisa C. McCafferty, R.S., MPH; Public Health Director
CC: Marte Sauerbrey; Chair, Tioga County Legislature
DATE: January 4, 2022
RE: **Agency Report- December 2021**

Attached is our agency report for presentation at the HHS Committee meeting.



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NOTEWORTHY ITEMS, UPDATES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Congratulations to Jessica Lovell and her new baby boy!
- The 2022 Tioga County Rabies Vaccination Clinic Calendar is being advertised and distributed.
- To give our crew some holiday cheer, we held a themed Christmas week!
- The Public Health Employee Recognition Committee put together a Lottery Scratch-Off Raffle give away to help raise money for the Employee Recognition Fund. Laura Bennett was our lucky raffle winner!
- Kylie Holochak attended a virtual training for OD MAPS. This tracking system is now live in Tioga County and is being run through the Tioga County Sheriff's Office. Overdoses are being entered into the system through the 911 Dispatch Center. The system will help with tracking other types of overdoses occurring in the county, like alcohol.
- Laura Bennett created and facilitated the Holiday Wellness BINGO challenge for WOW; almost 50 employees participated!
- Our crew completed the County's annual safety trainings in record time!
- Jason Davis and Denis McCann attended new Financial Guidelines Meeting.
- The Dental Van is preparing to move to Apalachin Elementary to start of the New Year. This will be our 3rd School District for 2021/22. We also provide dental services for the students at West Learning Center while in Apalachin.
- Ongoing support/partnership in: Team Tioga, Safe Harbor Committee, Allies in Substance Abuse Prevention (ASAP), Tioga County Immunization Coalition, Anti-Hunger Task Force, Tioga County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), Child Fatality Review, Care Compass Network PAC Executive Council, Tioga County Council of Governments, Board of Health, Rural Economic Partnership (REAP), and External Community Advisory Board MPH Program at Binghamton University.

Continuing with COVID-19

- Collaborated with Candor Central School to host vaccine clinic on 12/18; in partnership with New York State Department of Health. Nearly 300 walk-in vaccinations, including children, first doses and boosters!
- Distributed COVID rapid tests to school districts to provide testing for symptomatic students.
- Governor Hochul issued mask mandate for New York businesses to address winter case surge; our office is managing complaint calls regarding this.

- [Workbook:NYS-COVID-Tracker](#) and/or [Coronavirus COVID-19\(2019-nCoV_\(arcgis.com\)\)](#) to see updated data points (national and state) about COVID cases, comorbidities, demographics.
- As of December 23, 2021:

| New York State | National |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Total Known Cases: 3,134,753 | Total Known Cases: 52,510,978 |
| Total Known Deaths: 59,356 | Total Known Deaths: 833,029 |
| Total Known Recoveries: 2,462,304 | Total Known Recoveries: 40,908,146 |
- Go to [Workbook: NYS-COVID19-Tracker](#) to see New York State COVID-19-related fatalities by County. This includes the total fatalities that have at least one underlying comorbidity; snapshot from data taken on December 22, 2021 is shown in attachments.
- Current Numbers To Date:
 - **649** Days Since Public Health EOC activated (3/14/2020)
 - **7,160** Confirmed Cases
 - **17,909** Quarantine/ Isolation Orders Issued
 - **4,290** Household Trips/Deliveries
 - **185** Complaints
 - **3,849** Facebook Likes
 - **917** Facebook Posts
 - **45** Media Interviews
 - **93** Press Releases

Happy Holidays!

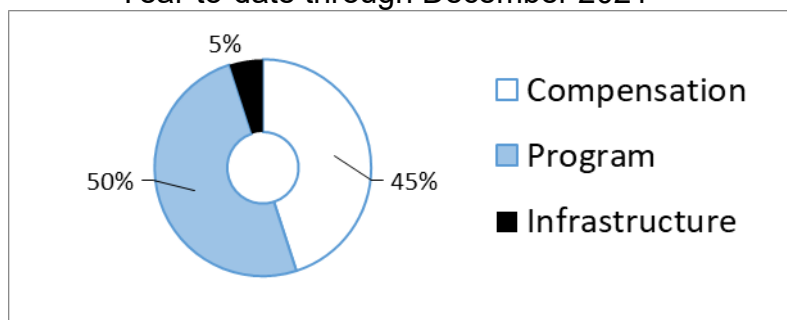
Attachments:

1. Financial Snapshot December 2021.
2. Data Report December 2021.
3. Photograph: Snapshot of Data from Workbook:NYS-COVID19-Tracker, December 22, 2021.
4. 2022 Tioga County Rabies Vaccination Clinic Calendar, December 2021.
5. Advertisement: "COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic," Tioga County Courier, December 15, 2021.
6. Article: "COVID-19 vaccine clinic set for Saturday in Candor," Morning Times, December 14, 2021.
7. Article: "Tioga County COVID-19 Update for November 24, 2021-November 30, 2021," Owego Pennysaver, December 5, 2021.
8. Article: "Tioga County COVID-19 Update for December 1-December 7, 2021," Owego Pennysaver, December 12, 2021.
9. Article: "Tioga County COVID-19 Update for December 8-December 14, 2021," Owego Pennysaver," December 19, 2021.
10. Advertisement: "Walking in a Germ-Free Wonderland," Owego Pennysaver, December 12, 2021.
11. Advertisement" Buzzed Driving=Drunk Driving," Morning Times, December 23, 2021.
12. Flyer: "COVID-19 Booster Shots," December 2021.
13. Flyer: "Dealing with Holiday Stress?!", December 2021.
14. Flyer: "What The Health!?", December 2021.
15. Bulletin Boards: "Safe Toys & Gifts," "Winter Safety," Health & Human Services Building, December 2021.
16. Bulletin Boards: "Snow Man-y Wats To Be Healthy," "Is Your Vehicle Winter Ready?," 56 Main St., Owego, December 2021.

Financial Snapshot
December 2021

| | 2017 Actual | 2018 Actual | 2019 Actual | 2020 Actual | 2021 Budget | Actual thru December* ^{1,4} | Percentage of 2021 Budget |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Revenues | | | | | | | |
| Fees | 742,121 | 1,100,359 | 1,112,262 | 739,661 | 1,119,950 | 442,112 | 39 % |
| State/Federal | 2,040,481 | 2,680,110 | 2,704,275 | 2,047,032 | 2,347,657 | 1,818,424 | 77 % |
| Local | 2,360,036 | 2,147,623 | 2,103,208 | 1,924,103 | 3,022,708 | 2,033,939 | 67 % |
| TOTAL | 5,142,638 | 5,928,092 | 5,919,745 | 4,710,796 | 6,490,315 | 3,923,854 | 66 % |
| Expenses | | | | | | | |
| Compensation | 1,721,424 | 1,734,508 | 1,728,302 | 1,889,627 | 2,214,152 | 1,919,436 | 87 % |
| Program Expense | 3,206,083 | 3,671,760 | 3,661,604 | 2,518,252 | 3,928,772 | 2,140,341 | 54 % |
| Core Infrastructure | 215,131 | 521,824 | 529,838 | 302,917 | 347,391 | 234,797 | 68 % |
| TOTAL | 5,142,638 | 5,928,092 | 5,919,745 | 4,710,796 | 6,490,315 | 4,294,474 | 66 % |
| FTE: 2021 Approved Headcount of 35 FTE: 31 FT & 4 PT | 22.6 | 23.8 | 26.3 | 23.7 | 29.2 | ----- | ----- |

Allocation of Expenses
Year-to-date through December 2021*^{1,4}



- *Notes:
1. The "Financial Snapshot" & "Allocation of Expenses" represent figures as of this report date (12.23.2021), and are not the FINAL December 2021 figures.
 2. During 2020, the Legislature required a 10% cut in expenses from all County departments. This was removed from the Expense side of the ledger, but not the offsetting revenue portion, thus inflating the reported "Local Share" of Public Health by nearly \$375K.
 3. Governor Cuomo placed a "20% withhold" on some revenues. NYS has said that the 'withholds' could be temporary, and that if NYS receives additional Federal assistance they may pay us the withheld amounts. Update: We have begun to receive these withheld payments.
 4. COVID Specific funds have been removed from these tables, as they skew the numbers due to their large amounts. Currently over \$2.4 million has been appropriated of Covid funding within Public Health.

2021 Data Report

| PUBLIC HEALTH ACTIVITIES | Y-E 2019 | Y-E 2020 | Dec-21 | Y-T-D |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Community Health | | | | |
| Healthy Neighborhoods Program Visits | 327 | 94 | 0 | 112 |
| Communicable Disease | 464 | 618 | 0 | 0 |
| - Respiratory (Legionellosis, Strep) | 31 | 143 | 0 | 4 |
| - Influenza | 606 | 571 | 46 | 49 |
| - Tick caused | 57 | 19 | 4 | 102 |
| - Hepatitis | 34 | 20 | 2 | 49 |
| - Gastrointestinal Disease | 16 | 16 | 5 | 40 |
| - PPD Test Administered | 38 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Child Passenger Safety Seats Inspected | 84 | 6 | 0 | 20 |
| - Child Seats FAILED Inspection | 72 | 5 | 0 | 10 |
| PH Interns | 5 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Immunizations total child and adult | 120 | 35 | 0 | 0 |
| People Trained w/ Narcan | 18 | 9 | 0 | 2 |
| Narcan Distributed | 105 | 41 | 24 | 148 |
| Dental | | | | |
| New Clients | 637 | 124 | 32 | 154 |
| Dental Screenings | 1850 | 631 | 77 | 782 |
| - Clients with no tooth decay | 499 | 237 | 18 | 328 |
| -Clients WITH tooth decay | 601 | 116 | 35 | 310 |
| - Clients with EXTENSIVE tooth decay | 722 | 251 | 24 | 128 |
| Extractions | 161 | 91 | 11 | 179 |
| Children Services | | | | |
| Children w/Special Health Care Needs NEW Referrals | 25 | 11 | 0 | 7 |
| - Current Children being served | n/a | 104 | 9 | 92 |
| Environmental Health | | | | |
| Animal bite investigations | 197 | 119 | 10 | 150 |
| Rabies Clinics | 9 | 2 | 0 | 6 |
| - Number of Animals | 1016 | 391 | 0 | 1098 |
| Food Establishment Inspections | 235 | 81 | 23 | 182 |
| - Establishments with Violation | 35 | 10 | 2 | 26 |
| Temporary Food Inspections | 68 | 2 | 0 | 8 |
| - Clean Indoor Air Act Violations (Smoking) | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mobile Home Park Inspections | 30 | 3 | 7 | 37 |
| Children's Camps | 9 | 5 | 0 | 4 |
| Agriculture Fairgrounds | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Nuisance Complaints | 25 | 58 | 1 | 17 |
| Enforcement Actions | 48 | 11 | 2 | 31 |
| Weights & Measures | | | | |
| Inspection Sites | 82 | 69 | 15 | 115 |
| -Devices Inspected | 432 | 277 | 121 | 495 |
| Petroleum Quality Samples Taken | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| COVID-19 | | | | |
| * Days Public Health EOC activated from year start | XXXXXX | 285 | N/A | 364 |
| Total COVID Cases for period | XXXXXX | XXXXXX | 1025 | 5628 |
| Individuals Tracked | XXXXXX | 5849 | 1661 | 13224 |
| Calls Taken | XXXXXX | 15257 | 275 | 7824 |
| Quarantine/Isolation Orders Issued | XXXXXX | 4323 | 1712 | 13586 |
| Household Trips/deliveries | XXXXXX | 2518 | 72 | 1772 |
| COVID-19 Related Complaints | XXXXXX | 144 | 2 | 41 |
| Vaccination Clinics | XXXXXX | XXXXXX | 1 | 36 |

* EOC originally activated starting 3/14/20

Top 10 Comorbidities by Age Group (43,826 out of 47,728 (91.9%) total fatalities have at least one comorbidity)

| | Hypertension | Diabetes | Hyperlipidemia | Coronary Artery Disease | Dementia | Renal Disease | Copd | Cancer | Atrial Fibrillation | Congestive Heart Failure |
|-------------|--------------|----------|----------------|-------------------------|----------|---------------|-------|--------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Grand Total | 25,640 | 16,147 | 10,364 | 6,317 | 6,224 | 5,508 | 5,171 | 4,549 | 4,467 | 3,319 |
| 0 to 9 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| 10 to 19 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 20 to 29 | 20 | 31 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 3 |
| 30 to 39 | 138 | 140 | 33 | 5 | 0 | 51 | 5 | 19 | 4 | 12 |
| 40 to 49 | 501 | 441 | 139 | 43 | 3 | 150 | 38 | 58 | 18 | 29 |
| 50 to 59 | 1,895 | 1,565 | 700 | 286 | 52 | 445 | 267 | 254 | 101 | 143 |
| 60 to 69 | 4,851 | 3,593 | 1,972 | 1,053 | 276 | 1,080 | 889 | 815 | 449 | 452 |
| 70 to 79 | 7,339 | 5,041 | 3,146 | 1,929 | 1,135 | 1,596 | 1,632 | 1,400 | 1,145 | 867 |
| 80 to 89 | 7,235 | 3,941 | 2,990 | 2,132 | 2,522 | 1,560 | 1,575 | 1,407 | 1,707 | 1,123 |
| 90 and Over | 3,658 | 1,390 | 1,377 | 869 | 2,235 | 618 | 764 | 581 | 1,043 | 689 |
| Unknown | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

Workbook: NYS-COVID-19-Tracker Snapshot from website.
 Data taken December 22, 2021.

2022 TIOGA COUNTY RABIES VACCINATION CLINICS

| 01 JANUARY | | | | | | |
|------------|----|---|----|----|----|----|
| SU | MO | TU | WE | TH | FR | SA |
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| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30 | 31 | January 20 from 5:30 - 7:30pm Campville (Owego) Fire Station | | | | |

| 02 FEBRUARY | | | | | | |
|-------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| SU | MO | TU | WE | TH | FR | SA |
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| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | | | | | |

| 03 MARCH | | | | | | |
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| SU | MO | TU | WE | TH | FR | SA |
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| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | March 26 (time TBD) Stray Haven in Waverly | |

| 04 APRIL | | | | | | |
|--|----|----|----|----|----|----|
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| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| April 28 from 5:30 - 7:30pm Hickories Park in Owego | | | | | | |

| 05 MAY | | | | | | |
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| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 | 31 | May 15 (time TBD) Stray Haven in Waverly | | | |

| 06 JUNE | | | | | | |
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| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | | |

| 07 JULY | | | | | | |
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| SU | MO | TU | WE | TH | FR | SA |
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| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 31 | July 17 (time TBD) Stray Haven in Waverly | | | | | |

| 08 AUGUST | | | | | | |
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| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | | |

| 09 SEPTEMBER | | | | | | |
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| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | September 8 from 5:30 - 7:30pm Richford Fire Station |

| 10 OCTOBER | | | | | | |
|------------|----|--|----|----|----|----|
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| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30 | 31 | October 2 (time TBD) Stray Haven in Waverly | | | | |

| 11 NOVEMBER | | | | | | |
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| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | November 17 from 5:30 - 7:30pm Campville (Owego) Fire Station | | |

| 12 DECEMBER | | | | | | |
|-------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| SU | MO | TU | WE | TH | FR | SA |
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| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |

Pre-Registration is Required for Rabies Clinics!



Scan the QR Code or visit our website ph.tiogacountyny.gov to register.

Please visit Stray Haven's Facebook page or website for their clinic times and registration.

Rabies is a deadly virus spread from an infected animal's saliva; most often seen in bats, raccoons, foxes, skunks, and feral cats. If a bat is in your room, you have a sick animal around your house, or if you have an animal bite call us at **607-687-8600!**

In NYS, all puppies and kittens must get their first rabies shot at three months, a booster shot one year after, and then every three years after. Ferrets must get their rabies shot every year. Bring rabies shot records to the clinic. Owners are responsible for their pets and any harm they may cause.



Pfizer, Moderna, & Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic

Saturday, December 18

Candor Elementary School
2 Academy St, Candor, NY 13743

9:30am - 12:00pm

- Children Ages 5 - 11
- First Dose - Pfizer Vaccine
- *Get a \$25 Amazon Gift Card at the 2nd Dose Clinic!

12:30pm - 5:00pm

(Choice of Pfizer, Moderna or J&J)

- First Dose for Ages 12+
- Booster Shots for 16+

Second Dose Clinic: Saturday, January 8, 2022

Registration is highly recommended for students ages 5 - 11 by calling or emailing the Candor Elementary School Nurse at (607) 659-4965 or kmyers@candorcs.org



Tioga County Courier
12/10/21

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COVID-19 vaccine clinic set for Saturday in Candor

Morning Times Staff

CANDOR — The Tioga County Public Health Department announced Monday that a COVID-19 vaccine clinic will be held at Candor Elementary School on Saturday, Dec. 18.

The clinic will feature all three COVID-19 vaccines and is for people

over the age of 5.

From 9:30 a.m. to noon, the clinic will be for children ages 5 to 11 who will receive the first dose of the Pfizer vaccine.

Starting at 12:30 p.m., the first dose of any of the three options will be available for people ages 12 and older. The booster shot will also be available for those over the age of 16.

According to a press release, registration is highly recommended for students age 5 to 11 by calling or emailing the Candor Elementary School nurse at 607-659-4965 or kmyers@candorcs.org.

Those taking advantage of the vaccine clinic will receive a \$25 Amazon gift card at the second dose clinic.

The Candor Elementary School is located at 2 Academy Street in Candor.

Morning Times 12/14/21

Tioga County COVID-19 Update for November 24, 2021 – November 30, 2021

Tioga County's Public Health Department recently released the COVID-19 case breakdown in Tioga County, N.Y. from Nov. 24 to Nov. 30 as follows.

According to the department there were 182 new cases during this time frame, with 90 unvaccinated and 52 vaccinated; there were 23 children under 12 reported as having tested positive for COVID, and there were 17 individuals with an unknown vaccination status; there were ten hospitalizations. There are currently 264 active cases.

Data is a snapshot of what is reported to the health department via different venues. Vaccination status is self-reported by the positive case or the parent / guardian during the case investigation.

Deaths related to COVID-19 are reported to the department in different

ways. Tioga County is not always notified when a death occurs. Various factors may impact the severity of one's COVID-19 illness including underlying health conditions and vaccination status. The COVID-19 vaccine offers protection against severe illness and hospitalization. The health department encourages eligible individuals to get vaccinated.

With an increase of COVID-19 cases being seen across New York State, Tioga County Public Health is concerned that our area will experience a spike in new COVID-19 infections following the Thanksgiving holiday. Gatherings of any size with people outside of your household, especially among those who are not vaccinated, could potentially lead to new infections if there was just one positive case at a gathering, the

department explained in their weekly brief.

They continued, "Monitoring yourself and your family for symptoms over the next couple of weeks will be critical to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our community. If you are experiencing any common symptoms of COVID-19 like runny nose, cough, sore throat, fever, headache, nausea, vomiting or shortness of breath, please stay home and contact your health care provider. Do not send your children to school if they are sick, and stay home if you are feeling ill. We urge everyone who has not yet been vaccinated to do so as soon as possible."

They also reported that another variant has been identified, Omicron, which was first seen in South Africa and has recently been detected in Canada.



Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the SARS-CoV-2 virus has mutated into new variants, which may cause COVID-19 illness.

The department wrote, "While there still is little we know about this new variant, the same precautions should be taken – washing your hands, practicing good respiratory hygiene, wearing a mask, social distancing, and getting vaccinated," and emphasized, "Please, stay home if you are sick to avoid getting

others sick."

COVID-19 booster shots are now available for anyone 18 and older. If you completed the Moderna or Pfizer series 6-months ago or had the Johnson & Johnson vaccine two months ago, you are encouraged to get a booster shot. 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 and hospitalization,

according to the department. To find a vaccination location, visit <https://www.vaccines.gov/>.

You can find testing locations at <https://get-tested-covid19.org/> or visit the New York State Dashboard at <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-testing-tracker>.

You can also find more information from Tioga County Public Health by visiting ph.tiogacountyny.gov or www.facebook.com/tiogacountypublichealth.

Owego Pennsawer 12/5/21

Tioga County COVID-19 Update for December 1 – December 7, 2021

Tioga County's Public Health Department recently released the COVID-19 case breakdown in Tioga County, N.Y. from Dec. 1 to Dec. 7 as follows.

According to the department there were 281 new cases during this time frame, with 120 unvaccinated and 108 vaccinated; there were 39 children under 12 reported as having tested positive for COVID, and there were 14 individuals with an unknown vaccination status; there were 6 hospitalizations. Sadly, there were two deaths reported by the health department during this time frame. There are currently 335 active cases.

Data is a snapshot of



what is reported to the health department via different venues. Vaccination status is self-reported by the positive case or the parent/guardian during the case investigation.

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ness including underlying health conditions and vaccination status. The COVID-19 vaccine offers protection against severe illness and hospitalization. The health department encourages eligible individuals to get vaccinated.

Tioga County is now recommending that all individuals wear a mask while inside any Tioga County building, regardless of their vaccination status,

due to the recent spike in COVID-19 cases. Last week Tioga County experienced its highest single-day case count since the COVID-19 pandemic began, with 69 new cases seen in one day. In comparison, last January the highest single-day case count was 54.

In addition to the spike in new COVID-19 infections tied back to the Thanksgiving holiday weekend, the health department is now hearing of other respiratory infections circulating around our community, many of which present symptoms similar to COVID-19. If you are experiencing one or more of the common symptoms of COVID 19, the health

department is asking you to stay home and contact your health care provider before returning to school or work.

Common Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headaches, new loss of taste or smell, a sore throat, congestion or a runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea.

Tioga County Public Health recommends everyone age five and older get vaccinated against COVID-19.

In a prepared brief, the health department wrote, "If you completed the Moderna or Pfizer series six months ago or had the Johnson & Johnson vaccine two months ago, it is time for you to get your booster shot."

To find a vaccination location, visit www.vaccines.gov/.

Due to the ongoing spike in COVID-19 cases, the health department is asking everyone to be patient while awaiting a phone call regarding your isolation or quarantine as they are backlogged. They

continue to prioritize making contact with positive cases and their household members, however, and at times it may take them 48 to 72 hours to make contact.

"Please self-quarantine at home while you await a phone call from us," they continued in their brief, adding, "Those who are fully vaccinated and who are not experiencing symptoms do not have to quarantine, but should monitor themselves for symptoms.

If you have tested positive with an at-home test, the department is asking them that you call them at (607) 687-8600 (select option 1).

COVID-19 Resources:

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You can find testing locations at <https://get-tested-covid19.org/> or visit the New York State Dashboard at <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-testing-tracker>.

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Tioga County COVID-19 Update for December 8 – December 14, 2021

Tioga County's Public Health Department recently released the COVID-19 case breakdown in Tioga County, N.Y. from Dec. 8 to Dec. 14 as follows.

According to the department there were 268 new cases during this time frame, with 124 unvaccinated and 91 vaccinated; there were 33 children under 12 reported as having tested positive for COVID, and there were 20 individuals with an unknown vaccination status; there were 9 hospitalizations. There are currently 296 active cases.

Data is a snapshot of what is reported to the health department via different venues. Vaccination status is self-reported by the positive case or the parent / guardian during the case investigation.

Deaths related to COVID-19 are reported to the department in different ways. Tioga County is not always notified when a death occurs. Various factors may impact the sever-

ity of one's COVID-19 illness including underlying health conditions and vaccination status. The COVID-19 vaccine offers protection against severe illness and hospitalization. The health department encourages eligible individuals to get vaccinated.

Tioga County continues to see an average of approximately 38 new COVID-19 cases every day, ranging from a low of 29 to a high of 74 cases per day from Dec. 8 - Dec. 14. They reported that most of the positive cases are experiencing symptoms ranging from mild to severe.

There is also an increase in other seasonal illnesses such as influenza, the common cold, and strep throat circulating around the community right now.

The health department wrote, in their weekly brief, "Please continue to follow safety precautions to keep yourself healthy; wash your hands often, practice good

respiratory hygiene, wear a mask, social distance, get vaccinated or boosted, and please stay home if you are sick."

Due to the increase in COVID-19 cases being seen across New York State, Governor Kathy Hochul announced on Friday that a statewide mask mandate would be in effect across New York State while visiting indoor public places, unless a business or venue requires proof of vaccination.

The health department wrote, "Wearing masks has proven to be an effective tool to help slow the spread of COVID-19. Please be supportive of businesses you visit during this time and follow signage on their door regarding the use of masks while inside of their business."

Regarding COVID-19 at home testing, Tioga County's Health Department stated that if an adult tests positive using an at-home test kit they should isolate at home for ten

days from the day symptoms started or the day they test positive.

Household members of the positive case who are not vaccinated or who are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 (regardless of vaccination status) must quarantine at home for 10 days. Household members who are fully vaccinated and who are not having symptoms are not required to quarantine.

Anyone who tests positive with an at-home test is responsible for notifying their employer, their child / children's school district (if applicable), and anyone they were in close contact with

who may have been exposed. It is also strongly recommended that they contact their healthcare provider or visit a COVID-19 test site to have a test done to confirm that they have COVID-19.

If a school aged child tests positive for COVID-19 through an at-home test, the parent or guardian must contact their child's school district to report the positive test result. The school district will notify the health department and a member of their team will complete the case investigation.

The department also held a Pfizer, Moderna, and J&J COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic

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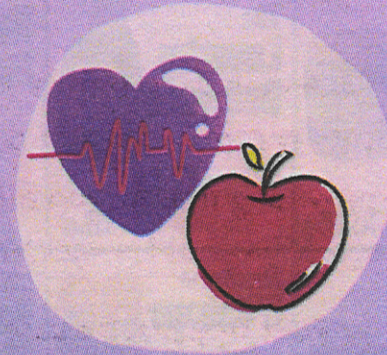
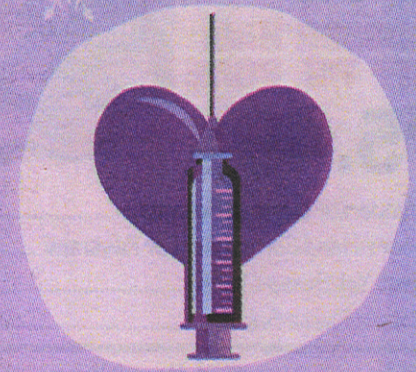
will be held on Dec. 18 at Candor Elementary School for ages five to 11, 12 and older, and booster shots for 16 and older.

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WALKING IN A GERM-FREE WONDERLAND!

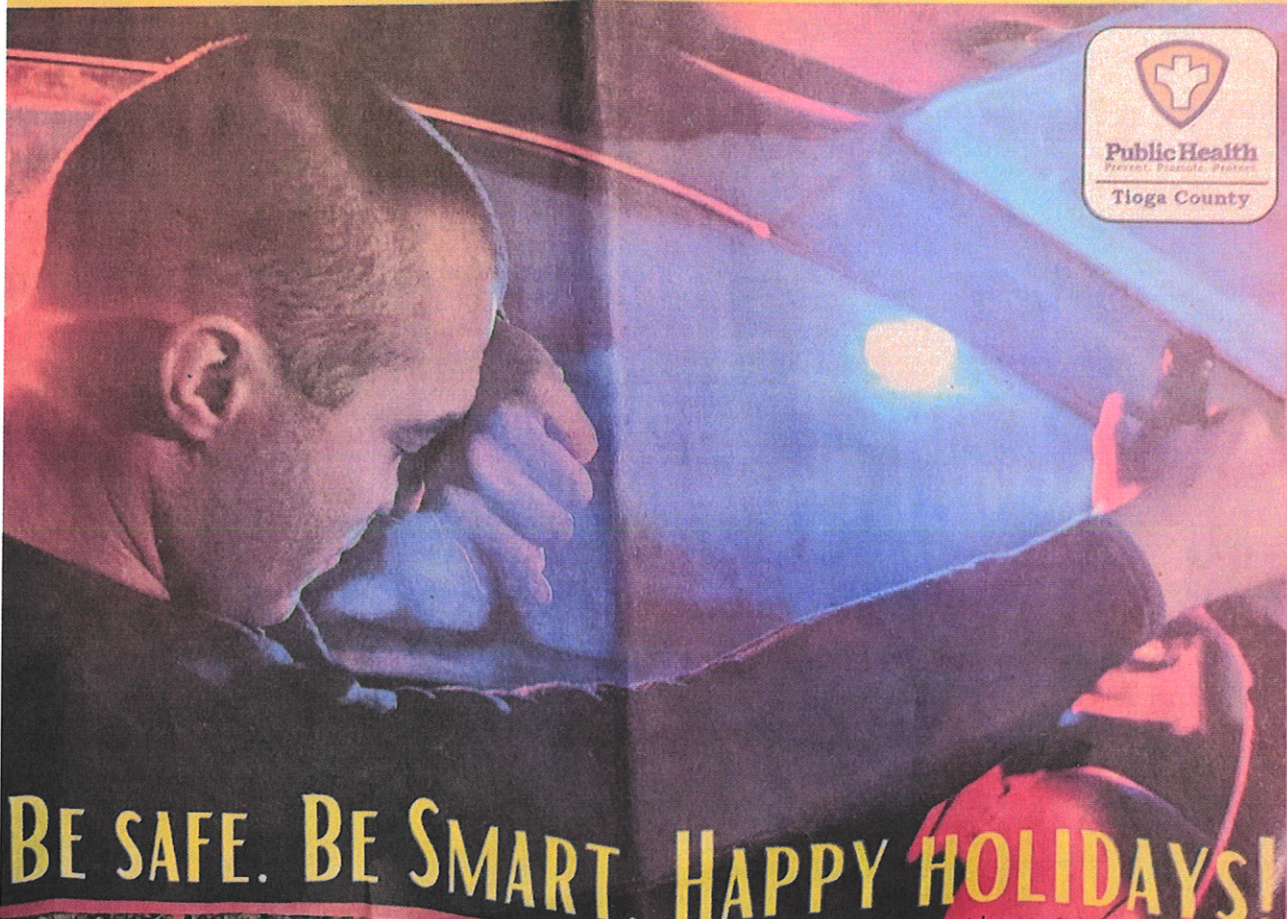


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**Buzzed = Drunk
DRIVING = DRIVING**



BE SAFE. BE SMART. HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

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COVID-19 BOOSTER SHOTS

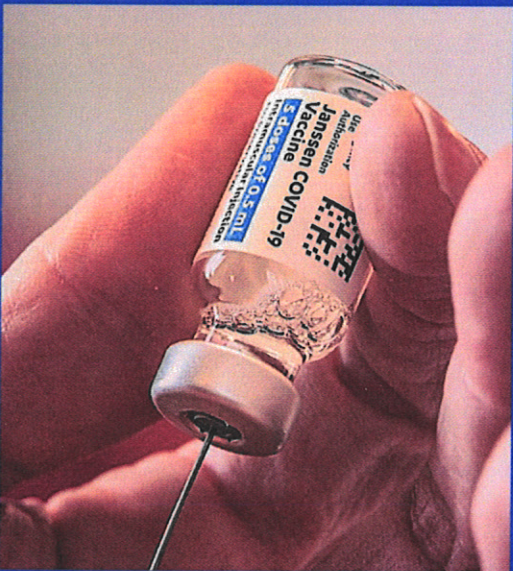
Who is Eligible for a COVID-19 Booster Shot?

Anyone 18 and older who received
Pfizer or Moderna

may get their booster at least 6 months after
completing their primary COVID-19 vaccination series

Anyone 18 and older who received
Johnson & Johnson

may get their booster at least 2 months
after their initial shot



To get your COVID-19 Booster Shot
please contact your pharmacy or visit
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to find additional
COVID-19 Vaccination Locations!

Eligible individuals may choose which
vaccine they receive as a booster dose.
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Dealing with Holiday Stress?!



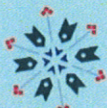
The holiday season can lead to stress, anxiety, and depression, and while the season is all about giving you should also take care of yourself!



Did you know Tioga County has a walk-in Mental Health Clinic?

Stop by the HHS Building in Owego! We can help you with emotional problems, depression, substance use, and more! Appointments are not required, but are recommended by calling 607-687-0200.

Don't Forget to Practice Self-Care This Holiday Season!



Get enough sleep
Exercise

Eat and drink in moderation
Set reasonable expectations

Don't overextend yourself financially

Important Tioga County Phone Numbers:

Mental Health: 607-687-0200

Daytime Crisis: 607-687-4000

After Hours Crisis: 607-687-1010

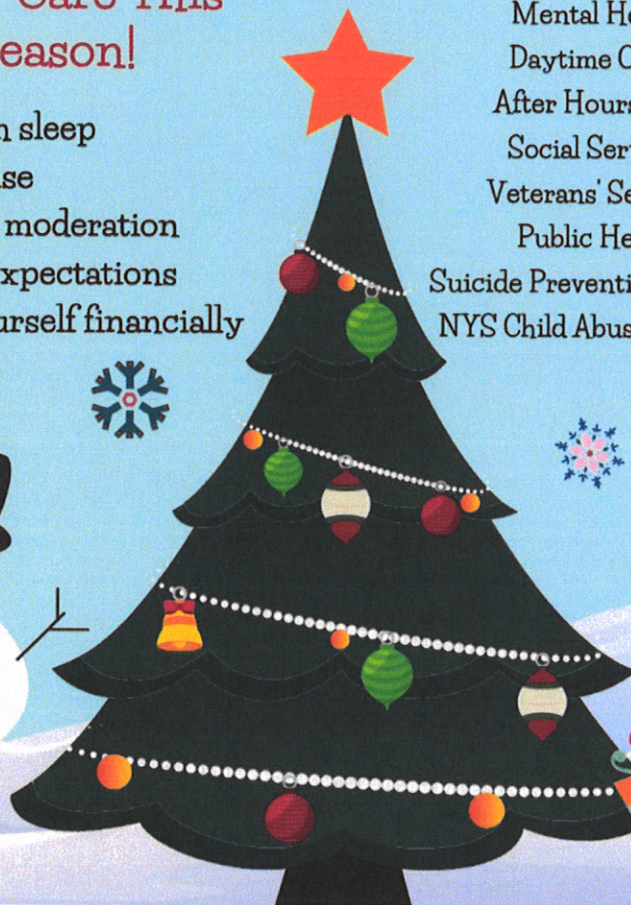
Social Services: 607-687-8300

Veterans' Services: 607-687-8228

Public Health: 607-687-8600

Suicide Prevention Hotline: 800-273-8255

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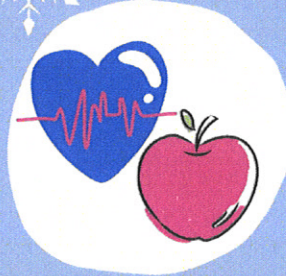


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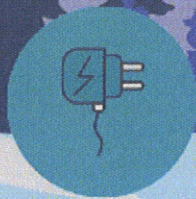
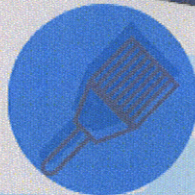
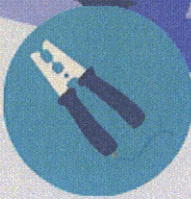
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IS YOUR VEHICLE WINTER READY?



December 2021



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December²⁰²¹ Bulletin Boards at HHS Building.



December 2021 Bulletin Boards at 56 Main St., Orrego

SUMMARY SHEET OF MUNIS REPORT
PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT
YTD 2021 THRU December
Report Run date: 12.28.2021

| Fund | ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION | ORIGINAL APPROP | TRANFRS/ ADJSMTS | REVISED BUDGET | YTD ACTUAL | ENCUMBRANCE/ REQ | AVAILABLE BUDGET | % USED |
|-------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------|---------------|------------------|------------------|--------|
| A | Total A2960 Handicapped Education | 1,337,530 | 27,989 | 1,365,519 | 737,589.87 | 487,251.55 | 140,678 | 89.70 |
| A | Total A4011 Public Health Administr | 1,932,274 | 12,692 | 1,944,966 | 1,706,998.28 | 10,385.77 | 227,582 | 88.30 |
| A | Total A4044 Early Intervention | 58,496 | 0 | 58,496 | 52,190.26 | 375.00 | 5,931 | 89.90 |
| A | Total A4053 Preventive And Primary | -126,125 | 0 | -126,125 | -198,657.26 | 6,642.58 | 65,890 | 152.20 |
| A | Total A4064 Managed Care - Dental S | -115,800 | 0 | -115,800 | -52,608.04 | 160.00 | -63,352 | 45.30 |
| A | Total A4090 Environmental Health | -165,913 | 20,873 | -145,040 | -250,028.09 | 4,483.83 | 100,505 | 169.30 |
| A | Total A6610 Sealer Of Weights And M | 8,451 | 0 | 8,451 | 11,593.23 | 0.00 | -3,142 | 137.20 |
| <hr/> | | | | | | | | |
| A | Total A General Fund | 2,928,913 | 61,554 | 2,990,467 | 2,007,078.25 | 509,298.73 | 474,090 | 84.10 |
| H | Total H Capital Fund | 14,240 | 18,001 | 32,241 | 0.00 | 18,000.61 | 14,240 | 55.80 |
| <hr/> | | | | | | | | |
| | Revenue Total | -3,254,899 | -2,616,838 | -5,871,737 | -2,448,731.59 | 0.00 | -3,423,005 | 41.70 |
| | Expense Total | 6,198,052 | 2,696,393 | 8,894,445 | 4,455,809.84 | 527,299.34 | 3,911,335 | 56.00 |
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| | Grand Total | 2,943,153 | 79,555 | 3,022,708 | 2,007,078.25 | 527,299.34 | 488,330 | 83.80 |

Comments:

- This report does NOT represent the final figures for YTD through December 2021. It represents what was in MUNIS at the time of this report (12.28.2021)
- A majority of Revenues received in Jan-Mar often are for services/expenses from prior year, & were moved back to 2020. Thus, current year revenues are delayed.
- Due to NYS Budget issues, we experienced 20% withhold of some NYS funding streams. We have received nearly all of the previously withheld funds; most of which are posted back to 2020 fiscal year, and are not 2021 revenue.