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## PRESS RELEASE

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### **Multiple Positive Cases of COVID-19 at Elderwood in Waverly**

Tioga County Public Health has received notice that there are multiple positive cases of COVID-19 at Elderwood at Waverly, a skilled nursing facility in Waverly, NY. Cases include both residents and staff. The residents are currently in isolation at the facility. Due to healthcare privacy laws, Elderwood is unable to comment on the identity of the residents or staff members or their present health conditions.

Tioga County Public Health is coordinating with Tioga County Emergency Management to assess, and provide, additional personal protective equipment (PPE) for staff at the facility in an effort to further stop the spread of the virus. Lisa McCafferty says “we are working closely with management at Elderwood and we are ready to assist in any way we can. We have been in communication with the New York State Department of Health as they help to provide additional guidance for these situations.”

Elderwood staff began notifying family members of residents about the additional COVID-19 cases in the facility on Thursday, April 9. Staff at the facility have fully implemented comprehensive infection control protocols and are working hard to ensure the safety of all residents. Through New York State guidelines, health screenings are required for all nursing home workers each day when they enter a facility and requires them to wear surgical masks to guard against any potential asymptomatic spread.

For more information on COVID-19, please visit [covid19.tiogacountyny.com](https://covid19.tiogacountyny.com). Families of residents at Elderwood who have questions are encouraged to call the facility directly.