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TIOGA COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE – MAY 17, 2020

Owego, NY – Tioga County Legislative Chairwoman Sauerbrey reported the following Tioga County COVID-19 Statistics:

- **122 Confirmed Cases** – Total confirmed cases, to date.
- **106 Individuals in Mandatory Quarantine.** These are individuals who have had close contact (6 ft.) with someone who has tested positive, but is not displaying symptoms for COVID-19; or individuals that have traveled to China, Iran, Japan, South Korea, or Italy and is displaying symptoms of COVID-19.
- **0 Individuals in Precautionary Quarantine.** These are individuals who have traveled to China, Iran, Japan, South Korea, or Italy while COVID-19 was prevalent, but is not displaying symptoms; or is known to have had a proximate exposure to a positive person but has not had direct contact with a positive person and is not displaying symptoms.
- **47 Recovered** – Total number of individuals who had a confirmed case of COVID-19 and are now symptom and fever-free that meet the criteria to be released from Isolation.
- **20 Deaths**

This is a snapshot of data provided to Tioga County Public Health at this point in time. Administered tests are tracked in various ways. Test results are reported.

Chair Sauerbrey reported the following **NYS Business Updates** were issued today:

1. On April 26, 2020, Governor Cuomo announced a phased approach to reopen industries and businesses in New York in phases based upon a data-driven, regional analysis. On May 4, 2020, the Governor provided that the regional analysis would consider several public health factors, including new COVID-19 infections, as well as health care system, diagnostic testing, and contact tracing capacity. On May 11, 2020, Governor Cuomo announced that the first phase of reopening would begin on May 15, 2020 in several regions of New York, based upon available regional metrics and indicators. This essential business guidance shall remain in effect for the regions and industries that are not yet within the reopening phases. Revisions to the essential guidance are as follows:
 - a. Under #1, Healthcare, acupuncture, prescribed by a medical professional, has been added
 - b. Under #4, Retail, in regions that are not within the first phase of the state's regional re-opening plan, delivery for orders placed remotely via phone or online at non-essential retail establishments; provided, however, that only one employee is physically present at the business location to fulfill orders has been added



- c. Under #5, Services, auto maintenance has been added along with auto repair; pet grooming to maintain the animal's health has been added; gardening and horticulture has been added
 - d. Under #11, services to maintain the health, safety, and sanitation, specialized maintenance, including but not limited to heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) and pool maintenance has been added; cleaning and sanitation services has been added; occupational safety and health professionals has been added; commercial moving services has been added
 - e. Under #13, Recreation, the following has been added: " Outdoor, low-risk recreational activities are permitted so long as social distancing and cleaning/disinfecting measures are in place:
tennis; non-motorized boat use and rentals, such as row boats, kayaks, canoes; and golf and driving ranges, except miniature (mini) golf, with food and retail services subject to the restrictions that are currently in effect within the region
Drive-in movie theaters so long as social distancing and cleaning/disinfecting measures are in place
2. Per the Governor's briefing today, horse tracks and Watkins Glen International auto are able to open without fans on June 1.
 3. A new tool is now available to help companies determine whether or not a business is eligible to reopen, and the public health and safety standards with which a business must comply. This tool uses information about the company County and NAICS code. To access it, please visit:

<https://www.businessexpress.ny.gov/app/nyforward>

For further information, please refer to the following resources:

- **NEW! <https://covid19.tiogacountyny.com>**
- **NEW! Tioga County Coronavirus Response Hotline – 687-8225**
- **Facebook** @Tioga County Public Health
- **Facebook** @TiogaMH (Tioga County Department of Mental Hygiene)
- **Tioga County Public Health Voicemail Line – 687-8623**
- **NYS Coronavirus Hotline: 888-364-3065** (for general questions or information about COVID-19)
- **Tioga County Emergency Food Hotline – 607-354-0965**

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