

# **Tioga County** Public Health Department

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## Tioga County COVID-19 Update for September 22, 2021 – September 28, 2021

COVID-19 case breakdown in Tioga County from September 22, 2021 – September 28, 2021:

New Cases: 121

Unvaccinated: 60 Vaccinated: 33

o Children Under 12: 24

**Unknown Vaccination Status: 4** 

**Hospitalizations:** 6

Deaths: 1

**Current Actives Cases: 167** 

Vaccination status is self-reported by the positive case or their parent/quardian 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.

COVID-19 cases in Tioga County School Districts are on the rise. Many of these cases are from direct exposures to others in the school setting who attended while symptomatic or in the 48 hours before they developed symptoms and/or were tested for COVID-19. As a result, the virus may unknowingly be spread to others. This includes those involved in extracurricular activities, such as sports teams, which at times, leads to an entire team needing to be quarantined for 10 days.

Keeping students in school is a top priority, and following COVID-19 protocols can help limit the number of students exposed when there is a positive case.

- Wear a mask when indoors and when around others
- Social distance at least 6 feet from others when masks are removed (e.g., lunch)
- Stay home when experiencing symptoms

### **Tioga County Public Health is holding two COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics:**

- Friday, October 1st, 2021 from 2:30pm to 4:30pm Candor High School Auditorium J&J Vaccine
- Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 from 9:00am to 11:00am Candor Elementary Multipurpose Room Pfizer Walk-ins are welcome. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged to guarantee a spot. Registration information can be found on our Facebook page or on our website.

### **COVID-19 Resources:**

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