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Tioga County COVID-19 Update for September 29, 2021 – October 5, 2021

COVID-19 case breakdown in Tioga County from September 29, 2021 – October 5, 2021:

- **New Cases:** 131
  - **Unvaccinated:** 48
  - **Vaccinated:** 50
  - **Children Under 12:** 20
  - **Unknown Vaccination Status**: 13
- **Hospitalizations:** 9
- **Deaths:** 0
- **Current Actives Cases:** 180

   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.

As a reminder, anyone who is experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, regardless of vaccination status, should stay home and get tested for COVID-19 to prevent further spread of the virus. If you are exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, please follow directions from your local health department regarding your quarantine. If you are fully vaccinated and have a known exposure, please wear a mask in public and take extra precautions for 14 days following your exposure.

COVID-19 Testing Recommendations:

- **Unvaccinated:** are encouraged to get tested 5 – 7 days after a known exposure, or if they are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19.

- **Vaccinated:** are encouraged to get tested 3 – 5 days after a known exposure, or if they are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19.

   To find a COVID-19 Testing Location, visit https://get-tested-covid19.org/.

Get Vaccinated Against COVID-19!
Tioga County Public Health continues to encourage everyone 12 and older to **get vaccinated** against COVID-19 to prevent serious illness. New York State Guidelines allow students and staff who are fully vaccinated to remain in school following an exposure unless they develop symptoms. Getting your child vaccinated can help keep them healthy and can prevent them from missing school! Find a COVID-19 Vaccination Location at https://www.vaccines.gov/.