

### **Tioga County** Public Health Department

Lisa C. McCafferty, R.S., MPH; Public Health Director



# HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE – PUBLIC HEALTH TUESDAY, October 4, 2022

8:30 A.M.

### FINANCIAL:

Agency Financials September 2022

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Agency Report September 2022

### PERSONNEL:

 Sarah Centerwall, Early Intervention Service Coordinator, NEW HIRE effective September 12, 2022

### **RESOLUTIONS:**

None

### PROCLAMATIONS:

• Lead Poisoning Prevention Week (Repeat)

### ADJOURNMENT:



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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:

October 4, 2022

RE:

Health & Human Services Meeting October 4, 2022

Attached are Tioga Public Health's materials for the Health & Human Services Committee meeting.

- Financials (pg. 1)
- Agency Report September 2022 (pgs. 2-16)
- Resolutions: None
- Proclamations:
  - Lead Poisoning Prevention Week (pg. 17)

### SUMMARY SHEET OF MUNIS REPORT PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT YTD 2022 THRU SEPTEMBER

Report Run date: 9.29.2022

FUND	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ ADJSMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCE/ REQ	AVAILABLE BUDGET	% USED
A	Total A2960 Handicapped Education	1,111,625	0	1,111,625	362,497.82	453,637.67	295,490	73.40
Α	Total A4011 Public Health Administr	2,114,136	2,039	2,116,174	1,214,053.55		859,058	59.40
Α	Total A4044 Early Intervention	34,543	0	34,543	27,124.40	400.00	7,019	79.70
Α	Total A4053 Preventive And Primary	-150,000	0	-150,000	-91,055.22	3,525.00	-62,470	58.40
Α	Total A4064 Managed Care - Dental S	-99,196	25,000	-74,196	-51,322.60	280.00	-23,153	68.80
Α	Total A4090 Environmental Health	-220,030	0	-220,030	-218,585.36	12,937.76	-14,382	93.50
Α	Total A6610 Sealer Of Weights And M	8,403	0	8,403	10,921.05	0.00	-2,518	130.00
A	Total A General Fund	2,799,481	27,039	2,826,520	1,253,633.64	513,843.04	1,059,043	62.50
Н	Total H Capital Fund	30,080	17,712	47,792	0.00	64,711.90	-16,920	135.40
	Revenue Total	-3,789,223	-2,895,619	-6,684,842	-2,392,950.53	0.00	-4,291,892	35.80
	Expense Total	6,618,784	2,940,370	9,559,154	3,646,584.17	578,554.94	5,334,015	44.20
	Grand Total	2,829,561	44,751	2,874,312	1,253,633.64	578,554.94	1,042,123	63.70

### **Comments:**

- This report does NOT represent the <u>final</u> figures for YTD through September 2022. It represents what was in MUNIS at the time of this report (9.29.2022)
- Most Revenues received in Jan-Feb are for services/expenses from prior year, & are moved back (to 2021). Thus, current year revenues are delayed.



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### **NOTEWORTHY ITEMS, UPDATES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- We welcomed Sarah Centerwall as our new Early Intervention Service Coordinator, and Shane Healy our intern, who will be with us through the spring of 2023.
- We celebrated Tioga County's Employee Recognition Week, recognizing Heather Vroman, Dr. John Sarnicola, Kylie Holochak and Mark Griep for their years of service. Kylie welcomed her new baby boy!
- We held a back to school immunization clinic for students. Thank you to our MRC volunteer nurse Nancy Kemp for being so willing to help!
- At various stages of addressing program and grant desk audits and onsite survey. A
  representative from the State Bureau of Water Supply and Protection, State
  Department of Health, and Dan completed a capacity development audit on the
  Village of Waverly water supply, part of a pilot program Waverly was chosen to
  participate in.
- We held our rabies clinic at Rawley Park in Richford and vaccinated almost 100 pets.
- Todd attended the County Environmental Health Director conference and Dan attended the Central New York Environmental Health Water Symposium.
- Dan assisted our County Safety Officer in testing drinking fountains at the County Office Building located at 56 Main Street and Health & Human Services, and did secondary testing in certain areas.
- We hosted a Child Safety Seat Check Event in our parking lot, here at Health and Human Services. Health Educators also assisted with Car Fit & Child Passenger Seat check event in Broome County
- Health Educators distributed/advertised several messages on the importance of immunizations. Laura and Angel distributed lead posters, ice packs and immunization information to clinics in the county.
- Assisted Personnel in setting up Flu vaccine clinic for Tioga County employees in conjunction with Walgreens, unfortunately event did not occur due to lack of attendees.
- Ongoing canvassing for Nurse and P/T Dentist.
- The Dental Van has returned to the Waverly School District to start the 22/23 school year. Numbers have doubled at the MS/HS since last year. Dentist appointments booked through December.
- Governor Hochul declared poliovirus emergency disaster in New York State. We created educational flyer and distributed through community.
- 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 Team, 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, Immunization Action Plan Coalition, and Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (LPPP) Coalition.

### **Continuing with COVID-19**

As of September 21, 2022; since March 14, 2020 onset;

**New York State** 

National

Total Known Cases: 6,245, 449

Total Known Cases: 95,832, 283

Total Known Deaths: 71, 943
Total Known Recoveries: 6,122,032

Total Known Deaths: 1,054,647

Total Known Recoveries: 94,152, 770

- Current Numbers To Date; since March 14, 2020 onset:
  - 922 Days Since Public Health EOC activated (3/14/2020)
  - 13,356 Confirmed Cases (Data from NYS CommCare system)
  - 20,869 Quarantine/ Isolation Orders Issued (Data from NYS CommCare system)
  - 4,324 Household Trips/Deliveries
  - 186 Complaints
  - o 4,078 Facebook Likes
  - 1,116 Facebook Posts
  - o 56 Media Interviews
  - 143 Press Releases

\*Go to New York State Dashboard for current COVID-19 data at:

https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-data-new-york

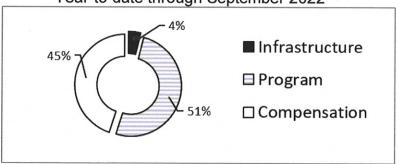
### Attachments:

- Financial Snapshot September 2022.
- 2. Data Report September 2022.
- 3. Article: "Guest Column: Back to School Safety," Tioga County Courier, September 14, 2022.
- 4. Article: "September is National Preparedness Month," Candor Chronicle, September 21, 2022.
- 5. Article: "Guest Column: Age is only a number," Tioga County Courier, September 7, 2022.
- 6. Notice: VEOLIA Public Notice, Owego Pennysaver, September 11, 2022.
- 7. Flyer: "Polio: Now vs Then," September 2022.
- 8. Flyer: "Back to School Vaccine Clinic," September 2022.
- 9. Flyer: "Back to School," September 2022.
- 10. Flyer: "10 Essential Items," September 2022.
- 11. Flyer: "September is Baby Safety Month," September 2022.
- 12. Flyer: "Tioga County Rabies Vaccination Clinic," September 2022.
- 13. Flyer: "Tioga County Safety Seat Check Event," September 2022.
- 14. Flyer: "What the Health!?," September 2022.
- 15. Bulletin Board: "Don't Drive High," 56 Main St., Owego, September 2022.
- 16. WOW Board: ""Healthy Habits aren't Autumn-atic," 56 Main St., Owego, September 2022.
- 17. Bulletin Board: "Healthy Aging Bingo," HHS Building, September 2022.
- 18. Billboards: Test for Lead, Soil/Lead, Driving High, September 2022.

### Financial Snapshot Year-to-date through September 2022

	2018 Actual	2019 Actual	2020 Actual* <sup>2</sup>	2021 Actual	2022 Budget	Actual*1,3 YTD 2022	Percentage of 2022 Budget
Revenues							
Fees	1,100,359	1,112,262	739,661	625,355	980,235	569,593	58 %
State/Federal	2,680,110	2,704,275	2,047,032	2,315,802	3,072,051	1,419,790	46 %
Local	2,147,623	2,103,208	1,924,103	1,906,875	2,874,312	1,156,903	40 %
TOTAL	5,928,092	5,919,745	4,710,796	4,848,032	6,926,598	3,146,286	45 %
Expenses							
Compensation	1,734,508	1,728,302	1,889,627	2,136,196	2,542,190	1,404,883	55 %
Program Expense	3,671,760	3,661,604	2,518,252	3,928,472	4,004,330	1,622,727	41 %
Core Infrastructure	521,824	529,838	302,917	347,691	368,078	118,676	32 %
TOTAL	5,928,092	5,919,745	4,710,796	6,412,359	6,926,598	3,146,286	45 %
FTE: 2022 Approved Headcount of 37 FTE: 31 FT & 6 PT Plus 3 Temps	23.8	26.3	23.7	29.2	30.8		

### Allocation of Expenses Year-to-date through September 2022\*1,3



- \*Notes: 1. The "Financial Snapshot" & "Allocation of Expenses" represent figures as of this report date (9/26/2022), and are not the FINAL September 2022 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. COVID Specific funds have been removed from these tables, as they skew the numbers due to their large amounts. Currently over \$2.6 million has been appropriated of Covid funding within Public Health.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTIVITIES	Y-E 2020	Y-E 2021	Sep-22	Y-T-D
Community Health				
Healthy Neighborhoods Program Visits	94	112	26	188
- HNP revisits	40	14	0	7
Communicable Disease	618	0	33	586
- Respiratory (Legionellosis, Strep)	143	4	0	7
- Influenza	571	49	2	210
- Tick caused	19	105	13	172
- Hepatitis - Gastrointestinal Disease	20	53	4	69
- Gastrointestinal Disease - PPD Test Administered	16	40	6	31
	5	0	0	0
Child Passenger Safety Seats Inspected - Child Seats FAILED Inspection	6	20	4	25
PH Interns	5	10 2	1	20
Immunizations total child and adult	35	0	15	15
People Trained w/ Narcan	9	2	0	15
Narcan Distributed (added 8/18)	41	160	2	64
Dental		100		04
New Clients	124	154	23	221
Dental Screenings	631	782	120	784
- Clients with no tooth decay	237	328	28	226
-Clients WITH tooth decay	116	310	39	352
- Clients with EXTENSIVE tooth decay	251	128	53	197
Extractions	91	179	7	79
Children Services				
Early Intervention Referrals	132	138	9	111
- Early Intervention CURRENT Caseload Monthly total	531	638	41	N/A
Environmental Health				
Animal bite investigations	119	150	6	136
Rabies Clinics	2	6	1	6
- Number of Animals	391	1098	98	948
Food Establishment Inspections	81	182	6	116
- Establishments with Violation	10	26	2	16
Temporary Food Inspections	2	8	0	57
- Clean Indoor Air Act Violations (Smoking)  Mobile Home Park Inspections	0	0	0	0
Swimming Pool Inspections	3	37	0	5
Children's Camps	9	14	0	18
	5	4	0	8
Agriculture Fairgrounds	0	2	0	2
Nuisance Complaints	58	17	1	14
Enforcement Actions	11	31	2	26
Weights & Measures				
Inspection Sites	69	129	12	87
-Devices Inspected	277	499	63	206
Petroleum Quality Samples Taken	0	0	03	12
COVID-19	Construction of the Constr	U_	U	12
* Days Public Health EOC activated from year start				
	285	364	N/A	273
Total COVID Cases for period		5628	392	6194
Individuals Tracked	5849	13224	392	6481
Calls Taken	15257	7824	12	474
Quarantine/Isolation Orders Issued	4323	13586	0	2886
Household Trips/deliveries	2518	1772	0	34
COVID-19 Related Complaints	144	ALSO CAP SONE THE REGISTER AND		
Vaccination Clinics	144	41	0	1
VACCITATION CITIES		36	0	2

### Guest Column: Back to school safety

Submitted by Tioga County o If not available, locate a well-lit for others. Public Health

Public Health

recommends the following safety tips so everyone can have a safe and healthy school year: Walking to School Safely

· Be visible at all times - wear bright colored clothing or

reflective materials

- · Use sidewalks if available; if not available, walk facing traffic and as far from traffic as possible.
- · Children under 10 years old should be accompanied by someone who will make sure they arc safe.
- · Whenever possible, cross streets at crosswalks or intersections.

area with the best view of traffic, . Choose the safest bike route September is here, and soon and wait for a gap in traffic that from home to school. students will be making their way allows enough time to cross back to classrooms. Tioga County safely. Continue watching for traffic while crossing.

- · Never assume a driver is paying attention - make eye contact with drivers as they approach.
- · Watch for cars entering or exiting driveways, backing up in parking lots, and turning. Biking to School Safely
- · Always wear a helmet that fits properly. Securely fasten the chin
- · Ride in the same direction as traffic. Follow traffic signs and
- · Stay in the bike lane whenever possible. Use the sidewalk appropriately and keep an eye out hefore crossing.

- · Don't use electronics while riding - it's important to keep eyes and ears on the road. School Bus Safety
- · Students are 70 times more likely to get to school safely when taking a school bus instead of traveling by car.
- · Wait for the bus to come to a complete stop, for the door to open, and for the driver to say it's okay before approaching the bus door.
- · Never walk behind a school bus. If necessary, cross the street, walk on a sidewalk or along the side of the street to a place at least 5 giant steps (10 feet) in front of the bus

**Immunizations** 

- · Make sure children are up-todate on their vaccinations before they go back to school.
- Immunizations are a safe and effective way to protect everyone from communicable diseases. Rethinking "Stranger Danger"
- "Stranger danger" ignores abducted by someone they know.
- When talking about abduction

focus on prevention, don't warning about certain types of people; instead, teach identifying and responding to

threatening situations. o For example, instead of saying, "Stay away from people you don't know," say "It's important for you

that fact that most children are get my permission before going anywhere with anyone."

### September is National Preparedness Month

National Preparedness Month is observed each September to highlight the importance of preparing for disasters and emergencies that could happen at any time. Disasters disrupt thousands of lives every year, leaving behind lasting effects on people and property.

After a disaster, many others in your community need help as well. For this reason, local first responders and other assistance may not be able to reach you right away. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Ready campaign recommends these steps to prepare for emergencies.

### Step 1: Know Your Risks

Being prepared requires knowing what to prepare for. Make note of disasters, emergencies, or hazards that have affected you or your property the most, and take the appropriate steps to prepare yourself, your home, and your household. You can find hazard specific information sheets at https://www. ready.gov/be-informed.

### Step 2: Make a Plan

Now that you have identified risks, it is time to start planning. You should take a few important steps. First, create a Family Emergency Communication Plan and Evacuation/ Shelter Plan. To help you get started, visit https://www.ready.gov/plan. You should also prepare critical documents, like household identification, financial and legal documents, and medical information and proof of insurance. One of the most important parts of being prepared is to have emergency supply kits available at home, at your workplace, and in your vehicle. A full list of supplies can be found at https://www. ready.gov/kit, and include things like water, food, cash, a flashlight and extra

can take now to prepare yourself, your property, and your household for a disaster. Make sure you practice your disaster plan with your family or household, review and make changes (if necessary) to your insurance coverage, and stay informed with emergency warnings and alerts.

for a disaster or emergency, and it can make all the difference. Start preparing now by checking out the information below!

https://www.ready.gov/

## Guest Column: Age is only a number

Submitted by the Tioga County Health Department

You may not act your age, but you should celebrate your age.

It's true, age is only a number but, as you age you need to be mindful about things you do so you can continue living a happy, healthy life.

Several things affect the way we age, including family history, medical status, and diet.

By the year 2030 1 in 5 adults are projected to be 65 years or older.

According to the 2020 census data, older adults account for 21.5% of Tioga County's population.

With an aging population there is an increased need for healthcare, long-term care, social services, and other resources that support adults as they age.

Current resources for older adults in Tioga County include, but are not limited to, programs offered through Tioga Opportunities, Tioga County Department of Social Services, and Tioga County Public Health.

Examples of available services include congregate dining and home delivered meals, programs and activities for older adults, protective services, long term care services, and free home safety checks.

Follow these tips to help promote healthy aging:

 Exercise. Exercise can be as simple as walking just ten or fifteen minutes, three to four times a week and increasing as you go. Speak to your doctor if you're new to exercise. If

you're more active, you might find joy in joining a club, gym, or team.

- Maintain a healthy diet.
   Following recommended portion sizes can help reduce obesity rates.
   Obesity is a leading indicator to bigger health concerns such as diabetes and heart disease.
- Socialize. A sedentary lifestyle lacking interaction with friends and family can cause health issues, and isolation can turn into depression. Maintaining current relationships, making new friends, or volunteering can help your mind and mental health perform well.

•Schedule regular check-ups. Don't ignore symptoms.

While you may not need to go to the doctor for every little thing, be aware of your body and make mention of new or worsening symptoms.

Many diseases can be prevented, or treated, when caught early if you remain diligent about your health.

Take medications and vitamins/ supplements as prescribed in order to ensure you are feeling your best.

It's never too late to start something new.

You may surprise yourself with the ability to adapt to new changes.

Remaining active and engaged is the best gift you can give yourself. Staying physically and mentally active, and nurturing social connections with friends and family, are all part of the bigger picture in helping to keep your.

Tioga County Courier 9/7/22, in cander

mind and body well.



# @ VEOLIA

**Public Notice** 

**Veolia Customers in Owego and Nichols** 

Veolia recently updated its Emergency Response Plan in coordination with the Tioga County Department of Health.

Members of the public who would like to review and/or comment on the proposed plan may do so Monday through Friday (excluding holidays) between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the Veolia office located at 128 North Street in Owego.

For more information, please contact Veolia at (800) 694-7512 or the Tioga County Department of Health at (607) 687-8600.

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# POLIO: Now vs Then



### What is Polio?

A virus that affects the nervous system causing muscle weakness and in severe cases, paralysis or death. Polio is a serious, life-threatening disease with no cure, but it can be prevented through vaccination.

### **Polio Vaccination**

Then <u>(prior to 2000)</u>

Oral Polio Vaccine

Contains live, weakened strains of poliovirus

Now (after 2000)

Injected Polio Vaccine
Contains inactivated
poliovirus

- Unlike polio outbreaks in the 1950s, today's outbreaks are primarily from Vaccine-Derived Poliovirus (VDPV).
- VDPV is a strain related to the live, weakened virus found in the oral polio vaccine. When VDPV is able to circulate in under or unimmunized populations, the weakened virus can return to a form that causes illness and paralysis.
- While the live vaccine was safe, the inactivated poliovirus vaccine has been used exclusively since 2000 to protect against paralytic disease from any type of poliovirus, including VDPV.

### Why are we seeing cases of polio in 2022 and who is most at risk?

Polio outbreaks are most commonly a result of areas with low vaccination rates. However, because live vaccines have not been used since 2000 and the majority of Americans are vaccinated, it is unlikely that any outbreak would become widespread in the United States.

Populations most at-risk for polio infection include those who have not been vaccinated against polio, or are under vaccinated. This primarily affects children under the age of 5.

### Prevention

Stay up-to-date on vaccinations
Don't delay routine well-child visits
Adults - routinely visit your primary care provider

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# STAY UP-TO-DATE ON VACCINATIONS!

CHILDHOOD IMMUNIZATIONS
ARE GIVEN AT...

# **1ST YEAR**

**BIRTH** 

1 MONTH

2 MONTHS

**4 MONTHS** 

**6 MONTHS** 

# **2ND YEAR**

12 MONTHS

**15 MONTHS** 

**18-23 MONTHS** 



# **SCHOOL AGE**

**4-6 YEARS** 

**11-12 YEARS** 

**16 YEARS** 



# POLIO VACCINE

**DOSE ONE:** 6 WEEKS - 2 MONTHS

**DOSE TWO: 4 MONTHS** 

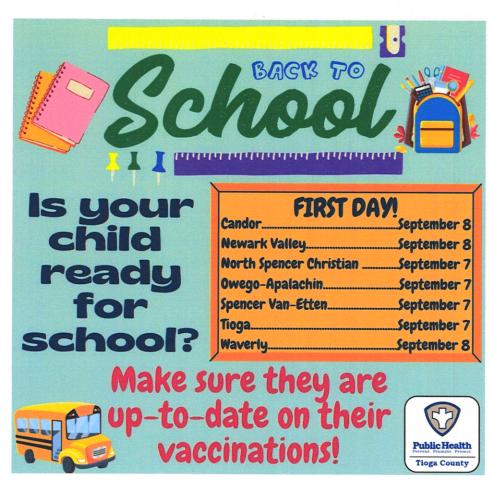
**DOSE THREE:** 6 MONTHS - 18 MONTHS

**DOSE FOUR: 4 - 6 YEARS** 

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### ESSENTIAL ITEMS

Building an Emergency Preparedness Kit

**1WATER** 

Have one gallon per person, per day to use for drinking, hygiene and cleaning as needed.

2 FOOD
Have a two week supply of food per person that requires no

3 CAN OPENER
Make sure you have a manual can opener. (You can also purchase items that have a pull-top opening).

refrigeration, preparation, or cooking.

**L**MEDICATIONS

Collect one month's worth of any prescription medicines you are taking. Include non-prescription fever/pain reliever, antacids, anti-diarrheal items, etc., in your stockpile

5 PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

Collect the basics like soap, toilet paper, toothbrush, hand sanitizer, cleaning supplies, bleach, garbage bags, and feminine products.

**6**FLASHLIGHT

Keep a bright flashlight in case there is no electrical power. Consider getting a lantern-style light for hands-free use.



### RADIO 7

Have a battery-powered radio for listening to news and weather. Consider buying a crank-operated or solar-powered radio.





IMPORTANT 10
DOCUMENTS

Collect copies of driver licenses, social security cards, birth certificates, mortgage papers, insurance policies, etc.; keep electronic copies on a flashdrive.

Once you've collected these items, consider the unique needs of your family/household; such as pets, seniors, or members that have medical needs

Learn more at ready.gov/kit





### SAFE SLEEP.

A firm mattress and fitted sheet are all you need for your baby's crib. Remove blankets and toys from the crib and use a sleep sack on colder nights.



Arrange safe transport for baby by making sure they are in the correct car seat. Schedule a **FREE** car seat check appointment with Tioga County Public Health 607-687-8612.

### **FURNITURE PLACEMENT.**

Place your baby's crib and other furniture away from windows to avoid falls or strangulation. Your baby is safer without any strings or cords within reach.

### ALARMS.

Install working smoke alarm AND a carbon monoxide alarm on every level of your home, and in all sleeping areas. This is an important tip for not just baby safety, but family safety as well. Please test the alarms regularly to make sure they work.

For more safety tips and information visit www.safekids.org











### TIOGA COUNTY CHILD SAFETY SEAT CHECK EVENT!

Thursday, September 22, 2022 2:30pm - 5:30pm

Health & Human Services Building 1062 State Route 38, Owego, NY 13827

Have your child's seat checked for correct installation and fit for your child by a CPS Technician.

Replacement seats available for qualifying individuals!



**Tioga County** 

Questions? Please Call Laura at 607-687-8619





# WHAT THE HEALTH!?

### Child Passenger Safety Week is September 18 - 24

In 2019, more than 85% of the car seats checked in Tioga County were installed incorrectly, used incorrectly, or they were not the appropriate seat for the child!

Tioga County Public Health will be holding a Car Seat Check Event during Child Passenger Safety Week!

September 22<sup>nd</sup>
2:30 - 5:30pm
Health & Human Services Building
1062 State Route 38, Owego NY 13827

This is a FREE event.
Car seats can be checked for anybody, and free replacement seats are available for qualifying individuals!



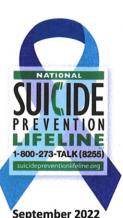
The Tioga County Department of Mental Hygiene provides 24-hour a day crisis coverage for those who are experiencing a crisis situation. This service is primarily a phone service, but same-day appointments may be available in an emergency situation.

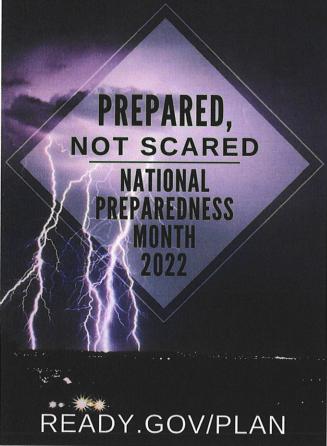
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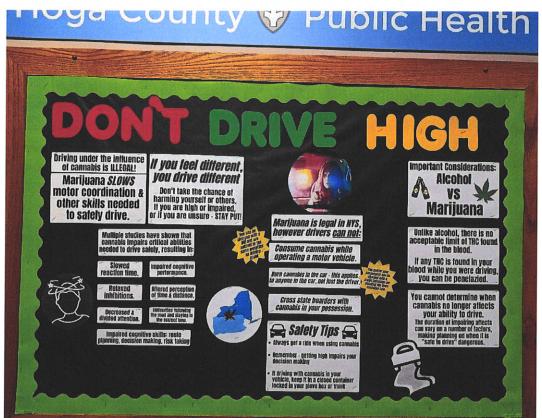
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607-687-1010





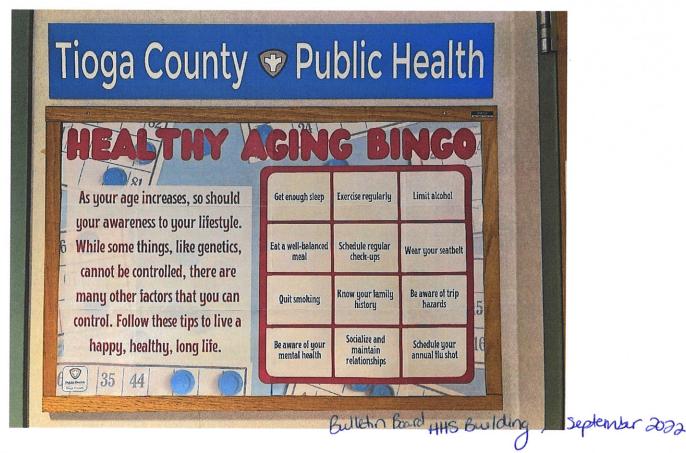


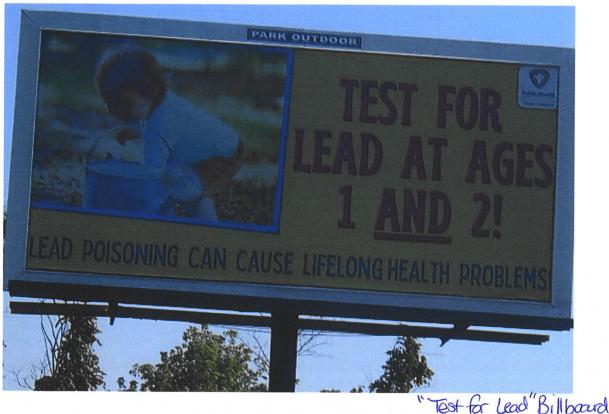


Bulletin Board, 56 Main St., September



WOW Bulletin Board, 56 Main St., September 2007









'Driving High" Billboard

### COUNTY OF TIOGA EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: Lead poisoning is a serious, permanent condition that can lead to medical ailments, stunted physical and mental growth, behavioral problems, and developmental delays in children; and

WHEREAS: Lead poisoned children have increased medical costs, educational needs and increased risk for criminal behavior as adults; and

WHEREAS: The goal of New York State's Healthy People 2030 is to reduce blood lead levels in children; and

WHEREAS: New York State Public Health Law states that all one and two year olds be tested for lead levels to identify poisoned children; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Public Health works with medical providers and parents to advocate child lead testing to reduce the risk of exposure to lead in the home; and

WHEREAS: Between 2019-2021 Tioga County Public Health provided case management and environmental health services to 30 children with elevated blood lead levels; and

WHEREAS: Lead poisoning is completely preventable by knowing and eliminating all possible lead sources children may have access to; therefore

The TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE, County of Tioga, does hereby proclaim the week of October 23-29, 2022 as

### LEAD POISONING PREVENTION WEEK

and urges all residents to take steps to educate themselves, their families, and the community about the importance of lead poisoning prevention.

DATED: October 11, 2022	
	MARTHA SAUERBREY, CHAIR
	TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE