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TIOGA COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE – APRIL 29, 2020

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

- **98 Confirmed Cases** – Total confirmed cases, to date.
- **77 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.
- **1 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.
- **30 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.
- **10 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.

Chairwoman Sauerbrey expressed it is with great sorrow to report there have been four additional deaths associated with Elderwood Nursing Home from Sunday, April 26th, through today. We believe there may be some delay in the reporting from Elderwood to Tioga County Public Health Department to allow them time to notify the families. Tioga County continues to partner with Elderwood and will continue to support them during this difficult time.

Chairwoman Sauerbrey reported, "Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients who don't file tax returns will start receiving their automatic Economic Impact Payments directly from the Treasury Department in early May.

People receiving SSI benefits who did not file 2018 or 2019 taxes, and have qualifying children under age 17, however, should not wait for their automatic \$1,200 individual payment. They should immediately go to the IRS's webpage at www.irs.gov/coronavirus/non-filers-enter-payment-info-here and visit the *Non-Filers: Enter Your Information* section to provide their information. **SSI recipients who have dependent children and did not file 2018 or 2019 taxes need to act by Tuesday, May 5, in order to receive additional payments for their eligible children quickly.**"

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Martha Sauerbrey Legislative Chair

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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