



Tioga County Public Health Department

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HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE – PUBLIC HEALTH

TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2022

8:30 A.M.

FINANCIAL:

- Agency Financials Final 2021 & March 2022

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Annual Report 2021
- Agency Report March 2022

PERSONNEL:

- Jessica Lovell, Supervising Public Health Nurse, effective March 28, 2022

RESOLUTIONS:

- Authorize Salary Reallocation within CSEA Salary Schedule (Thomas)
- Extension of ELC COVID Enhanced Detection Grant (Mastro)
- Appoint Member To The Tioga County Board of Health (Leary)

PROCLAMATIONS:

- None

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: April 5, 2022
RE: **Health & Human Services Meeting April 5, 2022**

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

- Financials (pgs. 1-2)
- Annual Report 2021 (separate from packet)
- Agency Report March 2022 (pgs. 3-21)
- Resolutions:
 - Authorize Salary Reallocation within CSEA Salary Schedule (pg. 22)
 - Extension of ELC COVID Enhanced Detection Grant (pg. 23)
 - Appoint Member to the Tioga Board of Health (pg. 24)

SUMMARY SHEET OF MUNIS REPORT
PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT
FINAL 2021
Report Run date: 3.31.2022

Fund	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ ADJSMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCE/ REQ	AVAILABLE BUDGET	% USED
A	Total A2960 Handicapped Education	1,337,530	27,989	1,365,519	681,966.40	0.00	683,553	49.90
A	Total A4011 Public Health Administr	1,932,274	-65,201	1,867,073	1,698,083.82	0.00	168,989	90.90
A	Total A4044 Early Intervention	58,496	0	58,496	51,977.24	0.00	6,519	88.90
A	Total A4053 Preventive And Primary	-126,125	0	-126,125	-210,678.25	0.00	84,553	167.00
A	Total A4064 Managed Care - Dental S	-115,800	0	-115,800	-65,286.53	0.00	-50,513	56.40
A	Total A4090 Environmental Health	-165,913	20,873	-145,040	-285,122.95	0.00	140,083	196.60
A	Total A6610 Sealer Of Weights And M	8,451	-62	8,389	10,269.80	0.00	-1,881	122.40
A	Total A General Fund	2,928,913	-16,401	2,912,512	1,881,209.53	0.00	1,031,302	64.60
H	Total H Capital Fund	14,240	18,001	32,241	11,520.39	0.00	20,720	35.70
	Revenue Total	-3,254,899	-2,616,838	-5,871,737	-3,032,592.45	0.00	-2,839,144	51.60
	Expense Total	6,198,052	2,618,437	8,816,489	4,925,322.37	0.00	3,891,167	55.90
	Grand Total	2,943,153	1,599	2,944,753	1,892,729.92	0.00	1,052,023	64.30

SUMMARY SHEET OF MUNIS REPORT
PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT
YTD 2022 THRU MARCH
Report Run date: 3.31.2022

Fund	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ ADJSMTS	YTD ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCE/ REQ	AVAILABLE BUDGET	% USED
A	Total A2960 Handicapped Education	1,111,625	0	-243,264.49	563,297.14	791,592	28.80
A	Total A4011 Public Health Administr	2,114,136	0	653,566.97	367,663.54	1,092,905	48.30
A	Total A4044 Early Intervention	34,543	0	11,129.77	1,225.00	22,188	35.80
A	Total A4053 Preventive And Primary	-150,000	0	17,860.11	0.00	-167,860	-11.90
A	Total A4064 Managed Care - Dental S	-99,196	0	-15,693.90	235.00	-83,737	15.60
A	Total A4090 Environmental Health	-220,030	0	50,971.66	14,945.23	-285,947	-30.00
A	Total A6610 Sealer Of Weights And M	8,403	0	3,653.98	0.00	4,749	43.50
A	Total A General Fund	2,799,481	0	478,224.10	947,365.91	1,373,891	50.90
H	Total H Capital Fund	30,080	0	0.00	25,518.82	4,561	84.80
	Revenue Total	-3,789,223	-2,388,899	-521,084.82	0.00	-5,657,038	8.40
	Expense Total	6,618,784	2,388,899	999,308.92	972,884.73	7,035,490	21.90
	Grand Total	2,829,561	0	478,224.10	972,884.73	1,378,452	51.30

Comments:

- This report does NOT represent the final figures for YTD through March 2022. It represents what was in MUNIS at the time of this report (3.31.2022)
- 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

- Although the Healthy Neighborhoods grant ends March 31st, we have reconfigured the service and will be continuing to work with families.
- Kylie Holochak, in partnership with other local agencies, has developed Marijuana Campaign. Five surrounding municipalities opted in for onsite consumption of marijuana and to opening dispensaries. She is also working to help update smoking policies to include marijuana along with tobacco in smoke free spaces.
- Kylie has been coordinating Creating Healthy Schools and Communities mini grants. The Town of Richford and Village of Waverly have applied for mini grants of \$13,000 to help improve infrastructure. Waverly School District has also been awarded funding through this grant for \$24,000. Town of Barton has also expressed interest, which we will look to onboard in June 2022.
- Laura Bennett is working with Town of Richford to develop a sun safety policy with the Cancer In Action Prevention grant.
- Laura Bennett and Dan Scherrer conducted survey of area veterinarians about Rabies. One finding that people would like more information about is animal bites and Rabies. Brochure guides and informational magnets were created and distributed to the community and veterinary offices.
- Early Intervention referrals have increased significantly, many children are waiting for services due to lack of providers. Jordan Marsh reached out to various agencies, and was able to get one provider to hold a group therapy session for 4 of our EI kiddos.
- Preschool numbers have also increased, possibly seeing this trend due to Covid.
- EI will be delivering "spring buckets" with helpful supplies for their kiddos soon.
- Our intern, Samantha Black, is surveying current EI parents. Also working with Dan Scherrer on special nitrate sampling in the Village of Spencer to map nitrate results and identify potential areas of concern within the Village.
- Environmental Health worked a bite report for a pig.
- Adam Ace presented Healthy Neighborhoods Program at Newark Valley Baptist Church Senior Luncheon.
- We have ordered a new Ford Escape for our vehicle fleet.
- Laura Schurter is training as backup for Preschool Billing.
- Tioga Smiles Dental Van moved to the Newark Valley Schools. It has been three years since we have been able to serve the kids in Newark Valley and we are seeing an increase in extensive decay. We are also working with Spencer Van Etten School District to secure electrical hook-ups at the Middle and Elementary so we can reach more patients while at those sites.

- 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.

Continuing with COVID-19

- March 14, 2022 was the second year anniversary of the first case of Covid in Tioga County.
- Stephen Mastro compiled “Post Covid” Resource Guide and distributed to all contacts. Hard copies available in Health and Human Services Building. By extending Stephen’s position, we have a cushion for Covid responsibilities and outreach.
- Held homebound booster vaccine clinic, providing Pfizer Covid vaccine booster to those interested in the homebound population of Tioga County who we had vaccinated last year.
- [Workbook:NYS-COVID-Tracker](#) and/or [Coronavirus COVID-19\(2019-nCoV_\(arcgis.com\)\)](#) to see updated data points (national and state) about Covid cases, comorbidities, demographics.

- As of March 25, 2022; since March 14, 2020 onset:

New York State

Total Known Cases: 5,124,391
 Total Known Deaths: 68,390
 Total Known Recoveries: 3,730,994

National

Total Known Cases: 81,565,957
 Total Known Deaths: 1,002,259
 Total Known Recoveries: 63,824,394

- Current Numbers To Date; since March 14, 2020 onset:
 - **740** Days Since Public Health EOC activated (3/14/2020)
 - **10,776** Confirmed Cases (Data from NYS CommCare system)
 - **20,395** Quarantine/ Isolation Orders Issued (Data from NYS CommCare system)
 - **4,323** Household Trips/Deliveries
 - **186** Complaints
 - **3,970** Facebook Likes
 - **981** Facebook Posts
 - **48** Media Interviews
 - **110** Press Releases

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

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

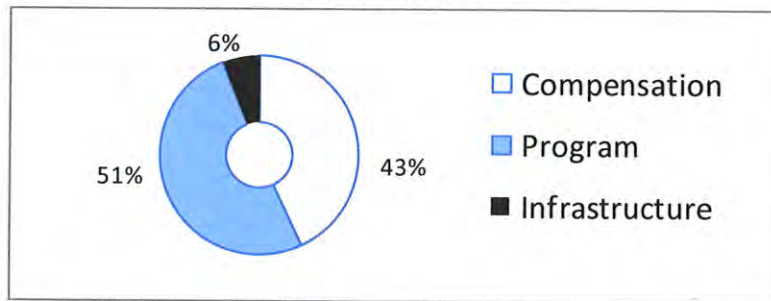
Attachments:

1. Financial Snapshot March 2022.
2. Data Report March 2022.
3. Article: "Barton exploring county grant opportunity," Morning Times, March 19, 2022.
4. Article: "Opinion/ Letters to the Editor," Owego Pennysaver, March 6, 2022.
5. Article: "Students No Longer Need to wear Masks," Candor Chronicle," March 9, 2022.
6. Article: "Tioga County Covid update," Tioga County Courier, March 2, 2022.
7. Article: "Tioga County COVID Brief for February 23-March 1, 2022," Owego Pennysaver, March 6, 2022.
8. Article: "Tioga County Weekly COVID Brief for March 2-March 8, 2022, Owego Pennysaver, March 13, 2022.
9. Article: "Tioga County Weekly COVID Brief for March 9, 2022-March 15, 2022," Owego Pennysaver, March 20, 2022.
10. Advertisement: "March is National Nutrition Month!" Morning Times, March 19, 2022.
11. Advertisement: "2 Years of COVID-19 in Tioga County," Owego Pennysaver, March 13, 2022.
12. Flyer: "Free COVID-19 Test Kits..." March 2022.
13. Flyer: "10 Tips for Healthy Eating," March 2022.
14. Flyer: "This of That..." March 2022.
15. Flyer: "It's Not Luck," March 2022.
16. Flyer: "What The Health!?", March 2022.
17. Bulletin Boards: "March is National Nutrition Month," "Water your Garden," 56 Main St., Owego, March 2022.

Financial Snapshot
FINAL 2021

	2017 Actual	2018 Actual	2019 Actual	2020 Actual ²	2021 Budget	Actual ^{*1,3} 2021	Percentage of 2021 Budget
Revenues							
Fees	742,121	1,100,359	1,112,262	739,661	1,119,950	625,355	56 %
State/Federal	2,040,481	2,680,110	2,704,275	2,047,032	2,347,657	2,315,802	99 %
Local	2,360,036	2,147,623	2,103,208	1,924,103	2,944,752	1,906,875	65 %
TOTAL	5,142,638	5,928,092	5,919,745	4,710,796	6,412,359	4,848,032	76 %
Expenses							
Compensation	1,721,424	1,734,508	1,728,302	1,889,627	2,136,196	2,091,420	98 %
Program Expense	3,206,083	3,671,760	3,661,604	2,518,252	3,928,472	2,481,148	63 %
Core Infrastructure	215,131	521,824	529,838	302,917	347,691	275,464	79 %
TOTAL	5,142,638	5,928,092	5,919,745	4,710,796	6,412,359	4,848,032	76 %
FTE: 2021 Approved Headcount of 35 FTE: 31 FT & 4 PT	22.6	23.8	26.3	23.7	29.2	-----	-----

Allocation of Expenses
Final 2021^{*1,3}



- *Notes:
1. The "Financial Snapshot" & "Allocation of Expenses" represent FINAL figures for 2021.
 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 \$2.4 million has been appropriated of Covid funding within Public Health.

2022 Data Report

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTIVITIES	Y-E 2020	Y-E 2021	Mar-22	Y-T-D
Community Health				
Healthy Neighborhoods Program Visits	94	112	32	89
- HNP revisits	40	14	2	7
Communicable Disease	618	0	0	0
- Respiratory (Legionellosis, Strep)	143	4	0	2
- Influenza	571	49	36	125
- Tick caused	19	105	1	16
- Hepatitis	20	53	17	37
- Gastrointestinal Disease	16	40	1	8
- PPD Test Administered	5	0	0	0
Child Passenger Safety Seats Inspected	6	20	0	8
- Child Seats FAILED Inspection	5	10	0	6
PH Interns	1	2	0	0
Immunizations total child and adult	35	0	0	0
People Trained w/ Narcan	9	2	1	1
Narcan Distributed (added 8/18)	41	160	1	25
Dental				
New Clients	124	154	11	62
Dental Screenings	631	782	91	252
- Clients with no tooth decay	237	328	25	86
-Clients WITH tooth decay	116	310	42	102
- Clients with EXTENSIVE tooth decay	251	128	24	64
Extractions	91	179	12	26
Children Services				
Children w/ Special Health Care Needs NEW Referrals	11	7	0	0
- Current Children being served	104	92	0	18
Environmental Health				
Animal bite investigations	119	150	17	40
Rabies Clinics	2	6	0	1
- Number of Animals	391	1098	0	80
Food Establishment Inspections	81	182	12	30
- Establishments with Violation	10	26	1	4
Temporary Food Inspections	2	8	0	0
- Clean Indoor Air Act Violations (Smoking)	0	0	0	0
Mobile Home Park Inspections	3	37	0	2
Swimming Pool Inspections	9	14	0	1
Children's Camps	5	4	0	0
Agriculture Fairgrounds	0	2	0	0
Nuisance Complaints	58	17	1	5
Enforcement Actions	11	31	2	5
Weights & Measures				
Inspection Sites	69	129	6	10
-Devices Inspected	277	499	0	13
Petroleum Quality Samples Taken	0	0	0	0
COVID-19				
* Days Public Health EOC activated from year start	285	364	N/A	91
Total COVID Cases for period	XXXX	5628	184	3614
Individuals Tracked	5849	13224	184	3901
Calls Taken	15257	7824	45	355
Quarantine/Isolation Orders Issued	4323	13586	130	2412
Household Trips/deliveries	2518	1772	4	33
COVID-19 Related Complaints	144	41	0	1
Vaccination Clinics	XXXX	36	1	2

* EOC originally activated starting 3/14/20

Barton exploring county grant opportunity

By JOHNNY WILLIAMS
News Editor

BARTON — During a quick monthly meeting this week, the Barton Town Council noted that it was exploring a grant application that could mean \$13,000 for certain municipal projects.

Specifically, the Tioga County Public Health Department is offering a five-year, \$13,000 Creating Healthy Schools and Communities Grant. While the grant has several different initiatives, one of them is focusing on "increasing safe accessible physical activities in eligible municipalities."

"The primary focus of this strategy is to connect activity-friendly routes to at least two everyday destinations with an emphasis on walking," health department officials stated in a letter to the town. "Activity-friendly routes make it safe and convenient for people of all abilities to walk, run, bike, skate, or use wheelchairs. Within communities, implementation should focus on places with dangerous conditions, a high-percentage of low-income residents, and/or historic disinvestment."

According to health officials, if awarded, the grant monies can be used on the following items:

- Paint, chalk and stencils for crosswalks and temporary road markings, bike lane striping, sharrows (shared-lane markings, reflective tape, paint rollers/brushes)
- Bump outs, speed bumps, portable speed bumps, rubber curbs, traffic cones, delineator posts and miscellaneous traffic calming items
- Curb cut-outs
- Miscellaneous signage
- Radar speed signs, trailers, speed camera systems.
- Streetscape items
- Bike racks
- Bike fix-it stations
- Trail signage
- Multi-use path materials
- Replacement of existing sidewalk to restore a sidewalk to its original condition
- Complete Street pop-up events and Tactical Urbanism events.

Examples of items that could not be purchased by the grant funds include traffic lights, certain traffic signs, street lighting, bus shelters and new capital project construction, officials said.

Town Clerk Arrah Richards said it was too late to apply for the first round of funding, but that the town council should consider the project for the next round of grants.

Morning Times 3/19/22

OPINION/LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

For the business community, did you know that as an employer you can put benefits in place that support a healthy workforce? One such benefit is paid time off to get screened for cancer. Now that the screening age for colorectal cancer has been lowered from age 50 to age 45, even more of your workforce may be able to get this life-saving screening.

March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month and a good time to learn about cancer screening and ways to encourage employees to get screened. Screening tests look for disease before there are symptoms, and may find cancer early

when it may be easier to treat. When it comes to colorectal cancer, screening may even prevent it! Colorectal cancer screening may find growths, called polyps, which can be removed before they turn into cancer.

The Cancer Prevention and Action Program (CPiA), supported with funds from New York State, can help employers that want to learn more about paid time off for cancer screening benefit. This benefit allows employees to get screened for breast, cervical and colorectal cancer without having to use accrued leave or sick time.

Studies have shown this

policy is cost effective to the employer. To learn more visit www.takeactionagainstcancer.org or call (607) 687-8619.

*Sincerely,
Laura Bennett, Public
Health Educator
Cancer Prevention in
Action of Tioga County*

Editor's Note: *Owego Pennysaver* 'Letters to the Editor' must be signed and a daytime phone number included for verification. Letters should be no more than 400 words in length. We reserve the right to edit for length or clarity. "Letters to the Editor" do not necessarily represent the opinions of this publication. *Owego Pennysaver 13/6/22*

Students No Longer Need to Wear Masks

Tioga School Districts Following New Guidance

STAFF REPORT

On Feb. 27 New York State Governor Kathy Hochul announced that the New York State school mask mandate would be lifted starting on Wednesday, March 2.

Masks are no longer required on school buses or in the school setting for

students, staff, and teachers. The mask mandate has also been lifted for child care programs. This decision comes after the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) updated their mask guidance.

School districts are now following the New Masking Guidance Update released from New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) on March 1, 2022.

In this guidance NYSDOH notes that masks are still required upon returning to school for those who test positive for COVID-19 on days six to 10. Regardless of one's vaccination status, the NYSDOH still recommends wearing a mask for 10 days after a known exposure to a positive case.

If a student or staff member has a known exposure to a positive case while at school, districts should notify the affected individuals or their parent/guardian of their exposure.

Schools are still encouraged to improve ventilation, encourage vaccination, conduct surveillance testing, and provide access to free testing.

The NYSDOH recommends that students, staff, and teachers continue wearing a mask if they feel more comfortable for personal reasons. They should also wear a mask if they know they were in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

Those who are immunocompromised should discuss the need to wear a mask with their health care provider and continue to take extra precautions.

Anyone who is symptomatic, regardless of vaccination status, should

stay home until they test negative or for five days from symptom onset. Exposed students, staff, and teachers may remain in school as long as they are wearing a well-fitting mask and undergo recommended testing.

If a cluster of new COVID-19 infections is identified within a school, Tioga County Public Health will work with the school district on mitigation measures to prevent further spread of the virus.

Parents/guardians who have questions should refer to their school district's website to view updated information specific to their school's mask policy.

Tioga County Public Health will continue to monitor and be vigilant about COVID-19 cases and will identify clusters if they develop in the community or in a school. *Cantor Onyiah 2/29/22*

Tioga County Covid update

As we approach the two year mark of the COVID-19 pandemic, there is no doubt that the last two years have had an overwhelming impact on the mental health of so many. The pandemic has had impacts on all aspects of our lives, our physical, social, emotional, and financial wellbeing. With COVID-19 cases decreasing again, we can only hope that everyone is able to start getting back to a healthy and normal life.

If the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted you, please know that there are resources available to help.

- *Tioga County Mental Hygiene:*

Services and support for individuals of all ages and families include coping with emotional problems, mental illness, marital issues, depression, alcoholism and substance abuse. 607-687-4000
<https://tiogacountyny.gov/departments/mental-hygiene/>

- *Tioga County Department of Social Services:*

Provides financial and social services to eligible County residents through programs such as Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP), Emergency Rental Assistance, Emergency Solutions, Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program, and Pandemic Emergency Assistance Fund (PEAF) 607-687-8300
<https://tiogacountyny.gov/departments/social-services/>

- *Tioga Opportunities, Inc.:*

Provides a variety of services including Services for Older Adults, Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), Transportation, Apartments for Rent, and more. 607-687-4222 <https://tiogaopp.org/>

- *NY Project Hope:*

An emotional support helpline, educational materials, trusted referrals, and local provider agencies...all dedicated to helping you manage and cope with changes brought on by COVID-19. 844-863-9314
<https://nyprojecthope.org/>

- Additional resources may be found in the Tioga County Resource Guide available on our website at ph.tiogacountyny.gov or by calling 211.

COVID-19 case breakdown in Tioga County from February 16 to 22 2022: (Please Note: Data does not include positive at-home tests)

- New Cases: 80
- Hospitalizations: 4
- (Known) Deaths: 0
- Current Active Cases: 37

New York State Case Investigators are now conducting abbreviated interviews with positive cases and do not ask vaccination status (among other questions) when conducting their interview.

Additional data is available at <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-testing-tracker>.

- *COVID-19 Resources:*

- COVID-19 Vaccine Locations: <https://www.vaccines.gov/>
- Find a COVID-19 Test Site Near You: <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/find-test-site-near-you>
- COVID-19 State Run Testing Locations: <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-testing>
- New York State Dashboard: <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-testing-tracker>
- Tioga County Public Health Website: ph.tiogacountyny.gov
- Tioga County Public Health Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/tiogacountypublichealth>

Tioga County Courier 3/2/2022

Tioga County COVID Brief for February 23 – March 1, 2022

New York State Governor Kathy Hochul announced that the state's school mask mandate would be lifted starting Wednesday, March 2, 2022.

With this announcement, masks are no longer required on school buses or in the school setting for students, staff, and teachers. The mask mandate has also been lifted for childcare programs.

According to Tioga County's Health Department, this decision comes after the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) updated their mask guidance.

School districts are now following the New Masking Guidance Update released from New York State's Department of Health (NYSDOH) on March 1, 2022. In this guidance, NYSDOH notes that masks are still required upon returning to school for those who test positive for COVID-19 on days six through ten. Regardless of one's vaccination status, the NYSDOH still recommends wearing a mask for 10 days after a known exposure to a positive case.

If a student or staff member has a known exposure to a positive case while at school, the brief wrote, districts should notify the affected individuals

or their parent / guardian of their exposure.

The health department continued, "Schools are still encouraged to improve ventilation, encourage vaccination, conduct surveillance testing, and provide access to free testing."

The NYSDOH recommends that students, staff and teachers continue wearing a mask if they feel more comfortable for personal reasons. They should also wear a mask if they know they were in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. Those who are immunocompromised should discuss the need to wear a mask with their healthcare provider and continue to take extra precautions.

Anyone who is symptomatic, regardless of vaccination status, should stay home until they test negative, or for five days from symptom onset. Exposed students, staff and teachers may remain in school as long as they are wearing a well-fitting mask and undergo recommended testing.

OWSG Remover 3/1/22

If a cluster of new COVID-19 infections is identified within a school, Tioga County Public Health stated they would work with the school district on mitigation measures to prevent further spread of the virus.

Parents and guardians who have questions should refer to their school district's website to view updated information specific to their school's mask policy.

Tioga County Public Health will continue to monitor and be vigilant about COVID-19 cases and will identify clusters if they develop in the community or in a school, they concluded in their brief.

In the meantime, the COVID-19 case breakdown in Tioga County from February 23, 2022 – March 1, 2022 (data does not include positive at-home tests), is

as follows. According to the department there were 52 new cases during this time frame and three hospitalizations. There are currently 18 active cases.

New York State Case Investigators are now conducting abbreviated interviews with positive cases and do not ask about vaccination status (among other questions) when conducting their interview.

To find a vaccination location, visit www.vaccines.gov. You can find testing locations at <https://get-tested-covid19.org/>, or visit the New York State Dashboard at <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-testing-tracker>.

You can also find more information from Tioga County Public Health by visiting ph.tiogacounty.ny.gov or www.facebook.com/tiogacountypublichealth.

Tioga County Weekly COVID Brief for March 2 – March 8, 2022

Tioga County's Public Health Department recently released the COVID-19 case breakdown in Tioga County, N.Y. from March 2, 2022 to March 8, 2022 as follows.

According to the department there were 39 new cases during this time frame and two hospitalizations. There are currently 39 active cases. (Please note that this data does not include self-reported positive at-home tests.)

New York State Case Investigators are now conducting abbreviated interviews with positive cases and do not ask about vaccination status (among other questions) when conducting their interview.

On March 14, 2020, Tioga County saw its first confirmed case of COVID-19. Looking back, it's truly overwhelming how much we have all gone through over the last two years. We have all been impacted by missed time with our families and friends. Businesses in our community have been pushed to their limits to keep their doors open. Students have been forced to adapt while they struggle to get a normal education. But nothing compares to the devastating losses that our community has been through from

losing parents, grandparents, siblings, other family members, friends, coworkers, nursing home residents, and more to COVID-19.

While the early days of COVID-19 brought so much fear and uncertainty, the last year has also offered hope. On Dec. 11, 2020, Pfizer became the first vaccine to receive Emergency Use Authorization. On Jan. 13, 2021, Tioga County held the first Moderna Vaccination Clinic, where they were able to vaccinate 100 Essential Workers.

Since then, they have been able to hold over 50 COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics, just in Tioga County alone, where they have been able to vaccinate those as young as five years old. They have also seen treatment options become available that have proven to be effective when given early on.

Unfortunately our community continues to be impacted by COVID-19. We still have residents suffering from more severe COVID-19 infections, and we continue to experience losses.

In their weekly brief, Tioga County's Department of Health wrote, "COVID-19 is still here and we will continue to encourage Tioga County

residents to be vigilant and take appropriate steps to protect themselves against this virus."

The continued, "We acknowledge the fatigue that everyone is feeling after dealing with so much the last two years. It's time we continue moving forward and adapt to what life is like with COVID-19. There is no way to know what might come next for COVID-19, but our team will continue monitoring the spread of this virus throughout our community and will follow important updates from the New York State Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control. We will communicate with Tioga County and share any important updates

ever comes next. To find a vaccination location, visit www.vaccines.gov. You can find testing locations at <https://get-tested-covid19.org/>, or visit the

New York State Dashboard at <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-testing-tracking> or www.facebook.com/tiogacountypublichealth. You can also find more information from Tioga County Public Health by visiting ph.tiogacounty.ny.gov or www.facebook.com/tiogacountypublichealth.

Tioga County Weekly COVID Brief for March 9, 2022 – March 15, 2022

– March recognized as National Nutrition Month –

The department wrote, in a prepared release, "Good nutrition is essential to our overall health."

According to the CDC, those with healthy eating patterns may live longer and are at lower risk of developing serious health problems like heart disease, type 2 diabetes and obesity. The health department added that good nutrition is also vital in helping our immune system function.

They wrote, "A balanced diet consisting of different vitamins and minerals, along with other healthy lifestyle factors like adequate sleep and low stress, can help our body better fight infection and disease. Boosting our immune system is especially important when illnesses, like COVID-19, are circulating around our community."

The department offered some helpful tips for making healthy food choices; make half your plate fruits and veggies; include whole grains; don't forget the dairy; add lean protein; avoid extra sugar and fat; and get creative in the kitchen.

Also, did you know that March is National Nutrition Month? According to Tioga County's Health Department, every year during the month of March, National Nutrition Month is recognized through an educational campaign that focuses on making informed food choices and developing healthful eating and physical activity habits.

Investigators are now conducting abbreviated interviews with positive cases and do not ask about vaccination status (among other questions) when conducting their interview.

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en and try new recipes. They noted that if you get off track, make sure you get right back on track the next day, and recommended trying new foods, and satisfying your sweet tooth in a healthy way.

"Remember, everything you eat and drink matters," they continued, adding, "It is easy for us to get off track with healthy eating habits especially with the added stress in our lives over the last two years from the pandemic. National Nutrition Month is the perfect time to prioritize your own health by making healthy food choices and adopting every day healthy habits."

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MARCH IS NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH!

10 TIPS FOR HEALTHY EATING

1 BALANCE CALORIES

2 ENJOY YOUR FOOD

3 PRACTICE PORTION CONTROL

4 READ THE NUTRITION LABEL

5 FILL HALF YOUR PLATE WITH FRUITS & VEGGIES!



6 CHOOSE LOW-FAT OR FAT-FREE DAIRY PRODUCTS

7 FOCUS ON WHOLE GRAINS

8 LIMIT FOODS HIGH IN SALT, ADDED SUGAR, & SOLID FATS

9 PREP HEALTHY OPTIONS

10 DRINK WATER



FOR MORE NUTRITION TIPS: EATRIGHT.ORG



Morning Times 3/19/22



2 Years



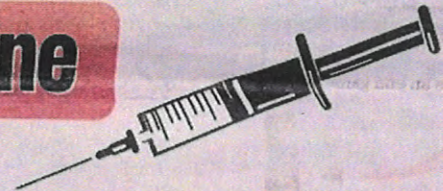
of COVID-19 in Tioga County

On *March 14, 2020* Tioga County Public Health was notified of its first case of COVID-19.

Thank You!

For your support as we, all, continue to learn to navigate life while protecting the well-being of our community.

COVID-19 Timeline



March 14, 2020

First confirmed case of COVID-19 in Tioga County.

April 15, 2020

First death from COVID-19.

November 19, 2020

Tioga County reaches 1,000 COVID-19 cases.

December 11, 2020

Pfizer becomes the first COVID-19 vaccine to receive Emergency Use Authorization.

January 13, 2021

Tioga County hosts it's first COVID-19 vaccination clinic.

December 18, 2021

Tioga County hosts it's first COVID-19 vaccination clinic for children 5 and up!

February 2022

Over 50 vaccination clinics have been held in Tioga County.

Today

We continue adapting to our "new normal."

Owego Pennysaver 3/13/2022

FREE COVID-19 TEST KITS for Tioga County Residents

BARTON TOWN HALL

During normal business hours:
Monday-Thursday
9:00am to 4:30pm

OWEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT

During normal business hours:
Monday-Friday
8:00am to 4:00pm

CANDOR VILLAGE HALL

During normal business hours:
Tuesday 11:00am to 5:00pm
Wednesday 8:00am to 2:00pm

OWEGO TOWN HALL

During normal business hours:
Monday-Friday
8:00am to 4:30pm

NEWARK VALLEY VILLAGE HALL

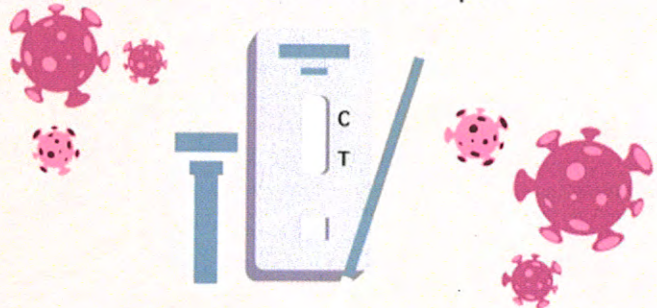
During normal business hours:
Mon.-Thurs. 9:00am to 5:00pm
Friday 9:00am to 12:00pm

TIOGA TOWN HALL

During normal business hours:
Monday-Friday
8:00am to 4:30pm

NICHOLS TOWN HALL

During normal business hours:
Monday 8:00am to 5:00pm
Tues.-Thurs. 8:00am to 2:00pm
Friday 8:00am to 12:00pm



*Additional locations and times will be added as we are made aware.
**Available while supplies last. Distributed on a first come, first serve basis.



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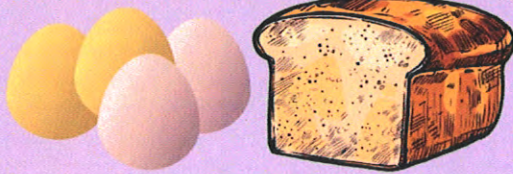
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THIS OR THAT

WHICH DO YOU LIKE MORE?



APPLES

GRAPES

KIWI

PEACHES

STRAWBERRIES

CARROTS

TOMATOES

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SPINACH

BRUSSEL SPROUTS

PEARS

CHERRIES

ORANGES

PLUMS

BLUEBERRIES

SWEET POTATOES

BELL PEPPERS

CAULIFLOWER

KALE

GREEN BEANS



It's Not Luck

Preparing for disasters and emergencies shouldn't be left up to chance!

Start with these 3 steps!

Know the risks for your area

- Think about disasters and emergencies that have previously affected:
 - your home/property
 - the communities that you visit regularly (work, shopping, school, church, etc.)
 - Find more info at [ready.gov/be-informed](https://www.ready.gov/be-informed)



Make a plan to lessen impacts of those risks by visiting [ready.gov/plan](https://www.ready.gov/plan)

Build a kit to be ready

- Include basic items such as water, non-perishable food, etc.
- Be sure to include items that meet the needs of your household (pets, children, etc.)



Learn more at [ready.gov](https://www.ready.gov)



WHAT THE HEALTH!?

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WHEN LIFE HAPPENS...

Poison centers are ready 24/7 with fast, free advice.

I ate something that made me sick!

I splashed cleaner in my eye.

My child swallowed a button battery.

A snake bit me.

Our carbon monoxide alarm is going off!

My baby ate rat poison.

I took my medicine twice.

POISON Help WHEN YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, OUR EXPERTS HAVE ANSWERS
 CALL POISON HELP AT 1-800-222-1222

March COLON CANCER AWARENESS MONTH



✓Preventable ✓Treatable ✓Beatable

Colorectal cancer is the 2nd leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States. Every year 140,000 Americans are diagnosed with colorectal cancer and 50,000 die from it.

Screenings Save Lives!

- Colorectal cancer usually starts from precancerous polyps in the colon or rectum. A polyp is a growth that shouldn't be there.
- Over time, some polyps can turn into cancer.
- Screening tests can find precancerous polyps, so they can be removed before they turn into cancer.
- Screenings can find colorectal cancer early, when treatment works best.

What Can You Do?

- Begin getting screened at 50 years old
- Be physically active
- Maintain a healthy weight
- Limit your alcohol consumption
- Do not smoke

BAT IN YOUR ROOM?

CATCH TRAP TEST



AND DON'T SQUISH MY BRAIN!



56 Main St., Oneego, March 23

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. -22 AUTHORIZE SALARY REALLOCATION
WITHIN CSEA SALARY SCHEDULE
PUBLIC HEALTH

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required for a title's salary reallocation;
and

WHEREAS: On February 25, 2022, the Personnel Department received
position description questionnaire from Kim Thomas, Dental Hygienist
(CSEA SG VIII, \$40,114-\$41,114); and

WHEREAS: A desk audit occurred and involved the review of work tasks
performed by the employee as well as current salary allocation; and

WHEREAS: The Personnel Officer has made a determination that due to
the specific college degree and licensing requirements of the minimum
qualifications there is justification to request a salary reallocation of the
Dental Hygienist title within the CSEA Salary Schedule; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the title of Dental Hygienist shall be reallocated from
CSEA Salary Grade VIII to CSEA Salary Grade IX (\$42,329-\$43,329)
effective retroactive to February 25, 2022; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the 2022 annual salary of Ms. Thomas increase by \$2,215
to \$42,829 retroactive to February 25, 2022.

REFERRED TO: HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. -22 EXTENSION OF ELC COVID ENHANCED DETECTION
GRANT
PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS: Resolution #246-20 authorized the creation and fill of two (2) temporary, full time Public Health Educators through June 30, 2022 via the Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) Enhanced Detection grant that was appropriated via Resolution #160-20; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Public Health (TCPH) has received additional funding and extension of the ELC Enhanced Detection grant through March 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS: TCPH continues to have need for the funded Covid-related temporary positions through the extended period; and

WHEREAS: The Public Health Director has determined that having the two (2) temporary, full-time Public Health Educators would help with said duties; therefore be it:

RESOLVED: That the Public Health Department be authorized to extend the two (2) temporary, full-time Public Health Educator positions from June 30, 2022 through March 31, 2023, at an hourly rate of \$21.67.

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. -22 APPOINT MEMBER TO THE TIOGA COUNTY
BOARD OF HEALTH

WHEREAS: Section 344 of the Public Health Law requires that members of the Board of Health shall serve six (6) year staggered terms; and

WHEREAS: Erica Haray-Butcher, MS, resigned from the Board of Health 3/17/2022; and

WHEREAS: The appointed term for Erica Haray-Butcher, MS, on the Board of Health expires 12/31/2026; and

WHEREAS: Teresea Leary, FNP, has agreed to fill the unexpired term of Erica Haray-Butcher, MS; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Teresea Leary, FNP, be appointed to the Board of Health to fill the unexpired term of Erica Haray-Butcher, MS, for a term of 4/12/2022-12/31/2026.

Water Communicable Permits Intervention
 Disease Lead Communicable
 Clinics Distancing
 Child Outbreak Promote Maternal Control Handwashing
 Investigation Measures Vaccine Radon Nursing
 Education Fluoride
 Health Pandemic Disease
 Septic Healthy Promote Masks
 County Prevent
 Emergency
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 Publichealth
 Quarantine Rabies Smile
 Isolation Lyme Public
 Opioid
 Food Prevent
 Dentist Environmental Early Education
 Progeriosis

Tioga County Public Health
2021
Annual Report



Note From Our Director

Looking back, on 2021...Covid became all consuming. Everyone did so much as we confronted Covid head on, all facets: isolation and quarantine orders, supporting individuals, assisting businesses and schools, vaccination and testing clinics, supplies, et al...Educating the community, addressing fears and misinformation, the overwhelming contradictory messaging and guidance at both state and federal levels, conveyed by media outlets via different lenses, became a never ending task. Our focus was on providing succinct, useful information to help residents live their lives.

- Lisa McCafferty, R.S., MPH

Tioga County Public Health Staff



Adam Ace	Mark Griep	Stephen Mastro	Laura Schurter
Kathryn Alliger	Janice Heyman	Lisa McCafferty	Katie Searles
Rachael Baker	Kylie Holochak	Denis McCann	Kim Thomas
Laura Bennett	Rani Kapur-Pado	Maggie McGoff	Heather Vroman
Ashley Coney	Albert Knapp	Abigail Reigelman	Katie Wait
Angel Conklin	Todd Kopalek	Eric Sarnicola	Nicole Whitmore
Jason Davis	Jessica Lovell	Dan Scherrer	
Meagan Ferguson	Jordan Marsh	Lisa Schumacher	

Welcome New Staff

Laura Schurter - Accounting Associate III
Angel Conklin - Public Health Educator
Stephen Mastro - Public Health Educator

Staff Farewells

Kathryn Alliger, Public Health Nurse

Special Recognition

Lisa Schumacher - 20 years of service
Albert Knapp - 15 years of service
Lisa McCafferty - 5 years of service

Interns

Emily McNally - Ithaca College
Samantha Black - Binghamton University

Board of Health

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Thank you to everyone who supported



Tioga County Public Health in 2021!

Public Health Services

Animal Bite Investigations

CarFit Program for Seniors

Children with Special Healthcare Needs

Child Find Program

Child Passenger Safety

Disease Surveillance

Drinking Water Monitoring

Early Intervention

Fluoride Varnish Program

Food Safety

Food Service Inspection

Health Education

Healthy Neighborhoods Program

Illness Complaint Investigations

Lead Poisoning Prevention

Mobile Dental Services

Opioid Overdose Prevention

Outreach to New Moms

Potable Water Supply

Public Health Preparedness

Rabies Clinics

Special Education Pre-School Program

Septic Permits & Design

School-Based Dental Clinic

Tick & Lyme Disease Education

Vaccines for Children & Adults

Weights & Measures Testing

AND MORE!

Keep up-to-date with TCPH:



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Tioga County Public Health Department



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Public Health Highlights

COVID-19



2021 Coronavirus Epidemic continued with periods of high activity to lulls, maybe even dare say “normalcy,” and then back to surges.

Our team persevered through 2021 despite having to overcome continual conflicts dealing with COVID-19 including: the ever-changing rules about COVID-19 vaccinations for various populations, preparing/hosting vaccination clinics, distributing vaccine, changing quarantine guidance, record high caseloads, working with school districts on reopening plans, and state vagaries, testing requirements for schools, limited supplies, masks, and tests.

It felt as though when a process was finally streamlined, we were thrown a curveball, and we would have to rethink the process all over again. Despite the frustration our office faced over the course of the year, each and every challenge we confronted as a team, adjusting and moving forward to next iteration.

Thankfully, we were able to return to some of our normal operations!

- Communicable Disease was as busy as ever! We saw increases of Lyme, elevated lead levels, gastrointestinal disease, chlamydia, gonorrhea, and Hepatitis A
- Environmental Health focused on: permitting/inspecting food establishments, septic design, Adolescent Tobacco Use Prevention (ATUPA) checks, water testing, rabies clinics, animal bite investigations, and more
- Health Education resumed tabling at events, continued to distribute educational materials, hosted/attended child passenger safety events and trainings, and returned to working on Cancer Prevention in Action and Immunization Action Plan grants
- Children's Services saw an increase in referrals to the Early Intervention program and Preschool/Special Education program resumed normal activity
- Dental Van had a definite increase in clientele and returned to their regular school-based schedule in September
- Administrative Services continued to triage phone calls, streamlined processes with a focus on customer service, prepared and finalized grants, handled contracts, attended various trainings, and many other activities that keep our office functioning smoothly

Our office experienced a bit of "Baby Fever"!

Congratulations to Jason Davis, Kylie Holochak, Heather Vroman, and Jessica Lovell on their newest family additions!



COVID-19 Related Numbers

March 14, 2020 - December 2021

650	Days EOC Activated
7,172	Total Confirmed Cases
19,073	Individuals Tracked
17,909	Quarantine/Isolation Orders Issued
23,081	Calls Taken
4,290	Household Trips/Deliveries
185	Complaints
868	Facebook Posts
3,204	Facebook Likes
39	Media Interviews
87	Press Releases



Reflecting on COVID-19

Challenges:

*"Constant changes in guidance" - **Katie Searles***

*"Dealing with difficult people when they need to quarantine" - **Katie Wait***

*"...working multiple jobs under the umbrella of COVID..." - **Ashley Coney***

Successes:

*"Getting to work closely with everyone in the department and building on those relationships" - **Meagan Ferguson***

*"Helping people get their vaccinations in an efficient manner" - **Dan Scherrer***

*"Being able to fully love my job, even during a pandemic. Knowing that somehow the work WE are doing has made a difference....helping our community. And the unity our team has had." - **Heather Vroman***

Looking back at 2019, 2020 & 2021

Notable Numbers:

Dental Screenings

2019: 1850
2020: 631
2021: 782



Disease Investigations

2019: 876
2020: 616
2021: 5,989



Animal Bite Investigations

2019: 197
2020: 143
2021: 150



Early Intervention Referrals

2019: 223
2020: 132
2021: 153



Newborn Baby Outreach

2019: 389
2020: 58
2021: 207



Animal Rabies Vaccinations

2019: 1016
2020: 854
2021: 1098



Facebook Likes

2019: 347
2020: 2927
2021: 329



Facebook Posts

2019: 297
2020: 639
2021: 270

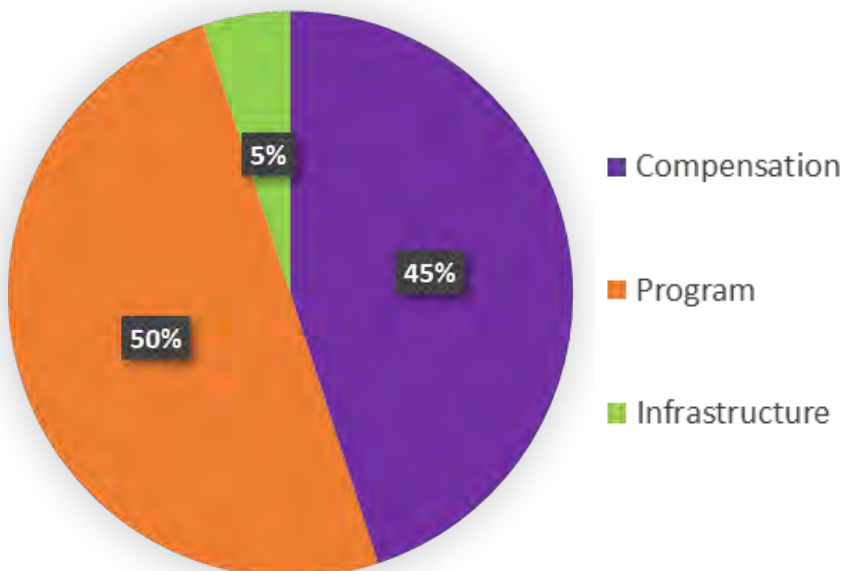


Media Interviews

2019: 28
2020: 23
2021: 18



Expenses Year-to-Date Through December 2021



2021 Employees of the Quarter!

Quarter 1: Laura Bennett



Laura joined Tioga County Public Health as a Health Educator in May 2019. Laura's duties include serving as the Cancer Prevention in Action Grant Coordinator and assisting our Nursing Department with the Lead and Immunization programs, coordinating work plans, and developing educational materials. She assists in chairing the Immunization Coalition. Laura also manages the county wellness program, and not only provides monthly education, but is often setting up walking challenges, workplace wellness contests, and other fun activities for the county or public health staff. Laura has a special talent for preparing flyers and monthly bulletins.

Quarter 2: Daniel Scherrer



Dan joined Tioga County Public Health in November 2013 as a Public Health Sanitarian. Dan wears many hats in our department, including making sure that our drinking water is safe to consume, conducting food inspections, and going on many Healthy Neighborhood Visits to homes across the county. He also manages our Rabies Prevention Program and coordinates the many rabies vaccination clinics that we hold each year! Dan is one of the most helpful staff members in our department. He is someone that you can ask for help when you need an extra hand. Often times he will help without being asked and without hesitation.

Quarter 3: Katie Wait

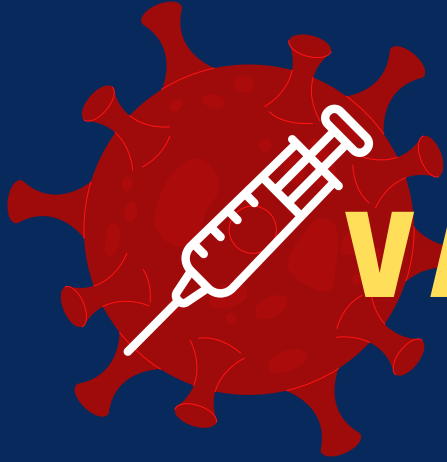


Katie joined Tioga County Public Health in May 2019 as a Public Health Educator and Emergency Preparedness Coordinator. Katie has been an instrumental member of our team throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. One of her more noteworthy assignments has been scheduling and coordinating COVID-19 vaccination clinics throughout Tioga County. She has also recruited many new members to be part of the Tioga County Medical Reserve Corps. She is also a Case Investigator, and took on the role of being a COVID-19 School Liaison. Outside of Emergency Preparedness work, Katie truly loves being able to do health education work.

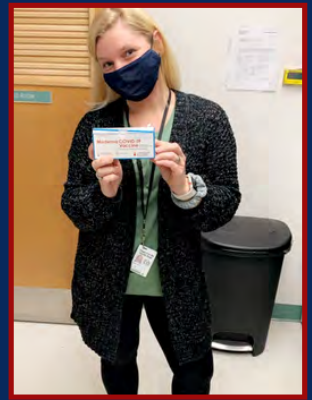
Quarter 4: Nicole Whitmore



Nicole started working on the Tioga Smiles Dental Van in 2014 as a Contracted Dental Hygienist. In January 2020, she officially became an employee of Tioga County when she became the Dental Health Coordinator. In January 2021, Nicole was promoted to Director of Dental Services. When you talk to Nicole about working on the Dental Van, it is very clear how passionate she is about her job and how much she truly cares about our community members, especially the children! While many of us may not have known Nicole well two years ago, we were all fortunate to get to know her throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Nicole stepped up and learned each role that was handed to her.



COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINICS!



On January 13th, 2021 we held our first COVID-19 vaccination clinic at UHS in Owego. 100 doses of the Moderna vaccine were administered to essential workers!

In 2021 we held a total of 36 clinics and administered 4,264 vaccinations! Our largest clinic vaccinated about 460 individuals.

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We were also able to vaccinate 10 homebound individuals with the single-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine!

Thank You!

Our clinics would not have been possible without help from our local community partners and Medical Reserve Corps!



Rabies Prevention

Through partnership with Stray Haven we were able to hold 6 rabies clinics in 2021!

2021 Rabies Numbers!

152 Animal Bite Investigations

54 Wild Animal

98 Domestic Animal

38 Animals Submitted for Testing

4 Positive for Rabies

6 Rabies Vaccination Clinics

1098 Animals Vaccinated

Our department also received a new grant that will allow us to assist the elderly population with animal care!



Visit ph.tiogacountyny.gov or our Facebook page for our 2022 Rabies Vaccination Schedule!

Environmental Health

Through American Water Works Association, Dan Scherrer, PH Sanitarian, hosted a meeting for water operators in the Southern Tier to receive continuing education credits for their certifications. The topics of the meeting were "Sanitary Surveys & Waterborne Diseases."

Food Safety

182 Food Establishment Inspections

8 Temporary Food Inspections

26 Establishments with Violations

Weights & Measures

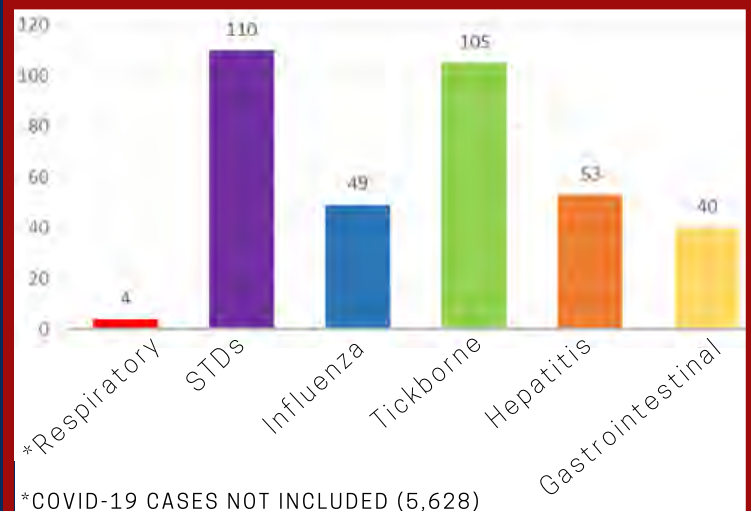
129 Inspection Sites

499 Devices Inspected

Nursing

Staff continued to stay up-to-date with the latest COVID guidelines, while keeping up with routine communicable disease duties. Our nurses played a critical role in distributing COVID-19 vaccines by serving as vaccinators at clinics, organizing vaccine clinics supplies, and ensuring the vaccines were stored properly.

Communicable Diseases Reported in 2021



Health Education

COVID-19!

Health Education stepped up to help complete case investigations, coordinate and help at COVID-19 vaccination clinics, and served as school liaisons.

Two temporary Health Education positions were also filled to help solely with COVID-19 work. They have been instrumental in helping our department keep up with our caseload!

2021 was a busy year for media interviews as well as outreach and education! From updating the public on new COVID-19 guidelines, to creating billboards and newspaper ads on a variety of health topics, to completing work for our various grants and programs there was never a shortage of work to be done!



NEW GRANT!

Our department was awarded 50k for the **Creating Healthy Schools and Communities Grant!** This grant will allow us to work with local schools, business, and municipalities to improve access to healthy foods and opportunities for physical activity!



Children's Services



Despite the challenges COVID-19 brought to Children's Services, our Early Intervention Service Coordinators adapted in order to continue serving the families on their caseload while making improvements to their program along the way!



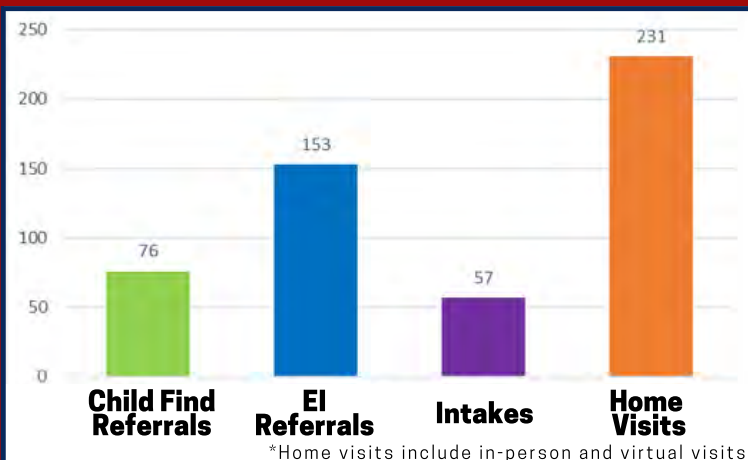
Children Services referrals increased, but conducting timely evaluations and coordinating necessary therapies was challenging for our service coordinators due to provider capacity issues such as compensation, geographic location, and services rendered.



Our Child Find program now has an online screening tool, making the process more user friendly for parents!



Early Intervention Numbers



What is Child Find?

The purpose of Child Find is to screen children (birth-3years) that are suspected or at risk of a developmental delay or disability. Parents are sent a developmental questionnaire to monitor their child's progress. If a delay or disability is suspected, they are referred to the Early Intervention program.



Dental Services



After a year of assisting with COVID-19 related work, our Dental crew was happy to return to the Dental Van!



March 3rd, 2021 - Dental Van re-opened for non-emergency care!



September 10th, 2021 - Returned to the school-based program, re-opening at Waverly School District!

2021 Highlights:

782	Dental Screenings
727	Dental Cleaning
409	Sealants
466	Restorations (Fillings)
179	Extractions
154	New Patients



Visit ph.tiogacountyny.gov for the Dental Van schedule!

Administrative Services



Our admin staff continued to triage the many COVID-19 related phone calls our department received, as well as provide documentation for those released from quarantine



In response to the NYS mandate for weekly testing of unvaccinated school employees, our department coordinated with Cayuga Medical Center to provide weekly testing in schools



Admin continued normal activities of fiscal operations (grants, contracts, accounting), in addition to acquiring needed supplies and providing support to the department



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