

COVID-19 Tompkins County Response

Presentation to the Tompkins County Legislature

April 7, April 21, May 5, May 19, June 2, June 16, July 7, July 21,
August 18, September 1, September 15, October 6, October 19,
November 5, November 17, December 1, December 15, **January 5**

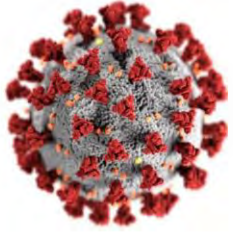
COVID-19 Spread

County Operations

Exec. Orders

Communications





December 16 – January 5, Vaccine Arrives

COVID-19 Spread

2,127 total positive cases (+559),
(252 active cases)
31 hospitalized, **16** deaths (+10)

Executive Orders / Governor Announcements

12/18 - [202.83](#) – RPTL exemption waiver,
COVID Rent Relief Act

12/23 – [202.84](#) – Extend nursing home
requirements

12/27 – [202.85](#) – Extends no res evictions

12/28 – [202.86](#) – Institutes penalties for
vaccine distribution
Chapter 381 – eviction prevention, RPTL
exemption waiver mandate

12/30 – [202.87](#) – Extends masks/remote
meetings

County / Partner Operations

12/21 - First Cayuga Health Providers
Receive COVID-19 Vaccine

12/23 - First vaccines arrive at Cayuga
Medical Center

12/23 - First regional vaccine hub call

12/23 - CHS sampling sites switch to all
saliva testing

1/4 - CHS opens two new COVID-19
sampling/testing sites in Ithaca and
Cortland

1/4 - ICSD set to debut COVID-19
surveillance testing program for in-
person testing

1/4 - TCHD sets up email for vaccine
questions:
Covid19Vaccines@tompkins-co.org

Communications/Messaging

12/16-12/28 – TCHD issues multiple potential COVID-
19 exposure reports for locations throughout Tompkins
County, [health alert PRs](#)

12/17 - [PR](#) – TCHD seeks applicants for nursing and contact
tracing positions to assist with COVID-19 response

12/21 - [PR](#) – Health Alert announcing six Oak Hill Manor nursing
home deaths

12/22 - Robocall re: holidays & gatherings

12/30 - [PR](#) – TCHD clarifies updated NYS quarantine guidance

12/30 - [PR](#) – TCHD updates public on COVID-19 vaccine
distribution and administration

1/4 - Vaccine [web page](#) updated to include FAQs & eligible list

1/5 - [PR](#) – TCHD & CHS announce vaccination clinics,
share updates on distribution and FAQ



COVID-19 Hours

	Regular Hours	OT Hours Worked	Reg Pay	OT Pay	Comptime
Totals	54,162	7,412	\$1,768,938	\$81,312	\$342,312

Comptime is the dollar equivalent of the hours "earned."

FFCRA Leave (Families First Coronavirus Response Act)

		Employees	Total Hours
FFRA	2/3's pay	29	2,657.08
FFRP	Full Pay	70	2,186.85

FFRA = 2/3rds pay

(initial 2 weeks an employee does not need to use available Fringes to supplement their pay; week #3 through week #12 an employee is required to supplement using their available Fringes)

FFRP = Full Pay

Two weeks (up to 80 hrs., available)

Examples: 1. employee goes during work time to get COVID test; 2. an employee is quarantined until results show negative for COVID-19 test; employee is quarantined after travel, etc.)

COVID-19 Related Expenses

\$1,720,138 (+\$441k) as of 1/4/20

- Primary changes:
 - Cayuga Medical – Testing \$ 406,400
 - ASAP Cab Services (testing) \$ 22,500
 - Phone Answering Services (holiday) \$ 4,200



County Sponsored Community Testing Through CHS

Week	Total CHS Sampling Site Tests (All Counties)	Tompkins County Only	W/o symptoms or exposure	No sponsoring organization (County Covered)	Weekly cost to TC	TC % of total tested	FEMA Reimbursement	Our Cost
9/1 - 9/5	1,310	1,045	575	354	\$28,320	27%	\$21,240	\$7,080
9/6-9/12	1,412	1,043	608	393	\$31,440	28%	\$23,580	\$7,860
9/13-9/19	1,483	1,040	735	359	\$28,720	24%	\$21,540	\$7,180
9/20-9/26	1,783	1,254	789	426	\$34,080	24%	\$25,560	\$8,520
9/27-10/3	1,685	1,069	835	389	\$31,120	23%	\$23,340	\$7,780
10/4-10/10	2,219	1,541	968	424	\$33,920	19%	\$25,440	\$8,480
10/11-10/17	2,405	1,632	1,151	532	\$42,560	22%	\$31,920	\$10,640
10/18 - 10/24	2,834	2,079	1,115	880	\$70,400	31%	\$52,800	\$17,600
10/25 - 10/31	2,671	1,922	1,145	848	\$67,840	32%	\$50,880	\$16,960
11/1 - 11/8	2,538	1,756	1,052	822	\$65,760	32%	\$49,320	\$16,440
11/9 - 11/15	2,997	2,149	1,180	968	\$77,440	32%	\$58,080	\$19,360
11/22 - 11/28	2,949	2,267	1,499	1,113	\$89,040	38%	\$66,780	\$22,260
11/29 - 12/6	4,466	3,360	1,826	1,432	\$114,560	32%	\$85,920	\$28,640
12/7 - 12/13	4,888	3,267	1,902	1,183	\$94,640	24%	\$70,980	\$23,660
12/14 - 12/20	4,147	3,202	2,160	1,300	\$104,000	31%	\$78,000	\$26,000
12/21 - 12/29	3,755	2,713	2,011	1,165	\$93,200	31%	\$69,900	\$23,300
Total	46,563	33,592	21,043	13,605	\$1,088,400	29%	\$816,300	\$272,100.00
<i>Average per week</i>	<i>2,739</i>	<i>1976</i>	<i>1238</i>	<i>800</i>	<i>\$64,023.53</i>	<i>29%</i>	<i>\$48,017.65</i>	<i>\$14,635</i>



Vaccine Safety & Efficacy



Vaccines
Protect Us All



- The COVID-19 vaccines have gone through the same rigorous review that all vaccines must follow in the U.S. As of December 30, 2020, two vaccines have been approved by the FDA: the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine and the Moderna vaccine.
- These approvals followed three rounds of clinical trials with tens of thousands of participants with a diverse range of race, age and other demographics (posted on TCHD website).
- In New York, the State's independent COVID-19 Clinical Advisory Task Force, made up of prominent health experts, also approved these COVID-19 vaccines as safe and effective.
- Additionally, even after a vaccine is approved, multiple safety systems at the FDA and the CDC constantly monitor for adverse events. If an adverse event is found, it is immediately investigated to determine if it poses a true health issue.
- mRNA vaccines do not use the live virus that causes COVID-19



Vaccine Distribution Begins in Tompkins County



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- Over 1,500 doses have been distributed to phase 1A eligible recipients in Tompkins County, with 1,800 more planned this week. (# does not include nursing homes)
- 94% of doses received by CHS have been distributed.
 - Phase 1A includes healthcare workers and emergency medical services personnel
- TCHD Website will update eligibility list weekly and will include link to register. Eligibility updates will coincide with public information and press releases.
- Currently an indoor location at the Shops at Ithaca Mall is serving as the Point of Dispensing (POD) for vaccines.
- PODs are being done in coordination with CHS, the State and the regional hub.



Ongoing Disease Management & Surveillance

While the vaccines become more widely available, we will continue to use all of the tools in our toolbox to help stop the spread of COVID-19.

<https://tompkinscountyny.gov/health#coronavirus>



- Continued free and accessible testing
 - Average of >2,000 people tested/day
 - Increased # of sampling sites
- Guidance continuing through vaccination period:
 - Mask-wearing
 - Social distancing
 - Hand washing
 - Density reductions / discouraging gatherings
 - Testing & monitoring for symptoms
- Contact tracing
 - Staffing up to meet increased demand
 - Continuing daily calls
 - Continuing to announce public exposures
- Hospital capacity & surge planning
 - Monitoring & reporting hospitalizations
- Public information
 - Press releases & website updates
 - Responding to public inquiries
 - Communicating with community partners

