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COVID 19 Update
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Otsego County is continuing to see the highest surge in COVID-19 cases since the pandemic started almost two years ago. It is critical that everyone take responsibility to reduce the spread. We know that **social distancing,** wearing **masks** and getting **vaccinated** works. Please STAY HOME WHEN YOU ARE NOT FEELING WELL. Do not attend work or school if you are experiencing symptoms of COVID. Please continue to take the proper precautions to protect yourselves and those most at risk and get vaccinated.

NYSDOH & Otsego County DOH have shifted resources in the response to the pandemic. If you test positive for COVID you may or may not be contacted by the health department. If you do test positive you should isolate for at least 5 days and notify your close contacts. If you are unvaccinated or have not received a booster dose and have been in close contact with someone who is positive you should quarantine for at least 5 days. After you have completed your isolation or quarantine if you need documentation for work you can download attestation forms at https://www.otsegocounty.com/departments/d-m/health_department/covid-19_isolation_and_quarantine_information.php
Contact tracing will continue in certain settings such as schools, daycares, hospitals, nursing homes and other congregate settings.

183 New cases reported today
8 hospitalizations
1,354.78 cases per 100,000 population
17.2% 7 day positivity rate

active cases will no longer be reported. It is not possible to get an accurate number with the limited contact tracing and case investigation that is being done