MISSION STATEMENT
The Herkimer County Public Health team is dedicated to the protection and promotion of our resident’s health through the provision of high quality, comprehensive, individualized services, in all phases of the life cycle.

Looking for homecare services?
Call: Herkimer County Alternatives
315-867-1322
or
Office for Aging (OFA)
315-867-1121
or
At Home Care, Inc.
1-800-783-0613
or
CHC
315-866-0561
or
Home-Health Care Partners
1-800-342-1426

More information is available on the Herkimer County website at:
www.herkimercounty.org
COMMUNICABLE DISEASE

The investigation of reported communicable diseases and the prevention of outbreaks are among the highest priorities of the Herkimer County Health Department. Staff works closely with New York State Department of Health and infectious disease providers to investigate potential and actual outbreaks to educate the public, and inform local providers. Persons reported as having a communicable disease will receive information, education and contact investigation as required by NYSDOH. Information obtained through these investigations helps protect the health of the ill individual, and the entire community.

To report a communicable disease, please call 315-867-1176.

HIV TESTING

For information about HIV testing, please call 315-867-1176.

STD TESTING

For information about STD testing, please call 315-867-1176.

LEAD POISONING PREVENTION

The blood lead test tells you how much lead is in your child’s blood. Lead can harm a child’s growth, behavior, and ability to learn. The lower the test result, the better. Most children have had some contact with lead in old paint, soil, plumbing, or another source. This is why New York State requires doctors to test all children with a blood lead test at age 1 year and again at age 2 years.

For more information about these programs, please call:
Herkimer County Public Health at 315-867-1176

IMMUNIZATION CLINICS

Adults and children are welcome at immunization clinics. Appointments are not required at clinics held:

every Tuesday from 9 - 11 am & 1 - 3 pm
see our Monday afternoon immunization clinic schedule online at www.herkimercounty.org

Bring your immunization records, insurance cards and/or valid college ID to the clinic. We will submit your bill to most insurance plans. If your insurance does not pay for your shot(s), you will be billed for the balance due.


Tuberculin skin testing/Mantoux/PPD/TB test (they all mean the same thing) is available at every Tuesday immunization clinic or at our scheduled Monday afternoon clinics.

RABIES CONTROL

Herkimer County Public Health is responsible for rabies prevention and treatment to Herkimer County residents. Pet rabies vaccination clinics are held throughout the year. Rabies vaccinations are given to pets for a nominal donation. Clinic dates are advertised in local newspapers, posted in town halls and on our website www.herkimercounty.org. Pre-exposure treatment is offered for people at risk. All animal bites must be reported. Expenses for post-exposure treatment are paid if prior authorization is obtained from Herkimer County Public Health. There is coverage for the rabies department 24 hours/day, 7 days/week.

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

The objectives of Public Health Preparedness are to plan, prepare and respond to biological, chemical and radiological terrorism as well as any other threat to the public’s health, natural or man-made. Public Health works with local, state and federal partners to anticipate, manage and mitigate such threats.

DENTAL HEALTH

Dental health education services are provided to some Herkimer County children at Pre-K, kindergarten and third grade classes.