Dear Residents of Herkimer County,

The novel Coronavirus continues to spread. So we at Public Health are asking our community to assist us in mitigating this pandemic. Not only are we public health workers, we are also parents, friends, neighbors, etc., so we understand the fear and anxiety that accompanies this virus. Please remember that not only are you taking protective and preventive measures for your own health, but that your actions also impact and affect the health of your friends, family, neighbors and fellow Herkimer County residents.

We also want to make sure you are acutely aware that we are monitoring the situation very closely, not just from a medical standpoint, but also from an emergency management perspective. We are, and will continue to, work closely and to coordinate with our local government and community partners, as well as the State and Federal governments.

In the meantime, while this highly dynamic situation continues to unfold, please expect Public Health staff to contact you in the event they identify that you have, or have potentially, been in contact with a confirmed positive person. Also please continue to get relevant and up-to-date information from only credible sources such as those listed below. Remember, cooperation from the community is paramount in slowing the spread of this virus. ...We are all in this together.

Sincerely,

Christina Cain
Director of Public Health