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

SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

THE EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM -
This is a family-centered, statewide program that identifies, locates, refers and evaluates, as early as possible, infants and toddlers (0-3 years old) who are at risk for delay, diagnosed with developmental delay or have a diagnosed mental or physical condition with a high probability of delay. Intervention services are decided by eligibility criteria.

CHILD FIND OF EARLY INTERVENTION -
Helps parents of children 0-3 years old that are at risk for developmental delays to track the development of their children. The program provides education and information on normal growth and development, and makes referrals to the Early Intervention Program as needed.

PRESCCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION -
The County is fiscally responsible for the administration of preschool programs for 3-5 year old students with disabilities residing in Herkimer County. Every school district administers these services through its Special Education Department. Anyone can make a referral to a school district’s CPSE. A county representative is a mandated member of the CPSE committee, which determines if a child is eligible for Preschool Special Education Services. Municipality is responsible for transportation arrangements and maintaining a list of related service providers.

HEALTHY FAMILIES - A voluntary program designed to empower families, offers any pregnant or new parent an array of support activities, ranging from resource referral to home visiting. All pregnant women complete a community survey to determine the activities most helpful to them. Moms must enroll in Healthy Families before the baby is 3 months old.
**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.

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**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](http://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.

**Vaccines available:** Dtap, Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Hib, HPV/Gardasil, IPV, Influenza, Kinrix, Menactra, MMR, Pediarix, Pneumococcal, Prevnar, Proquad, Rotarix,Td, Tdap, Twinrix, Varivax and Zostavax.

**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.

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**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](http://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.

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**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.

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**Dental Health**

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

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**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.