

**Jefferson County Public Health Service
Lewis County Public Health
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Media Release

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Tri-County Residents Asked to Respond to COVID-19 Survey

April 1, 2020, Watertown, NY—The Jefferson County Public Health Service, the Lewis County Public Health and the St. Lawrence County Public Health Department working with the Center for Community Studies (the Center) at Jefferson Community College ask residents to respond to a survey regarding COVID-19 (Novel coronavirus) impacts. The health departments will use this data to plan and monitor changes throughout the pandemic.

In the afternoons and evenings of 4/1 and 4/2 (Wednesday and Thursday) surveyors working from home will be contacting area residents to ask questions about the perceptions and impact the COVID 19 pandemic has had on you. Calls will be routed through the Center where telephone numbers are randomly generated. People answering the survey will be anonymous to the caller. Also, email invitations will be sent to complete the survey online to a randomly selected anonymous sample of available email addresses in the three-county region. The survey is paid for by Jefferson Community College.

Responding to the survey will help your health department understand the effects on the local community, identify priorities for action, understand key implementation challenges, track progress, and identify gaps. Results of the survey will be made available to the public through the respective county public health departments. It is a great way to help out your community and only takes a short time to complete.

For information about COVID-19 please visit your health department's website:

Jefferson: www.icphs.org

Lewis: <https://www.lewiscounty.org/departments/public-health/public-health>

St. Lawrence: <https://www.stlawco.org/Departments/PublicHealth/>

If you have questions about the survey, please contact Faith Lustik at faithl@co.jefferson.ny.us.

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