

# Chenango Health Network Launches Rural Impact Community Survey to Assess Local Health Assets and Needs

[Norwich, NY] – January 5th, 2026 Chenango Health Network, in partnership with Bassett Medical Center Research Institute, is calling on residents of Norwich and Sherburne to participate in a Community Health Survey. The survey is designed to gather comprehensive, confidential information to assess the community's health status and needs.

300 randomly selected households in Norwich and Sherburne, NY will receive a postcard with unique QR code to access the survey. This innovative approach aims to increase participation, particularly among smartphone users, and reduce survey costs by encouraging online responses. Community members aged 18 and older who receive the postcard may also call to request a paper survey or to complete the survey by phone. Participants who complete the survey will receive a \$15 gift card for their time.

The results will be used to develop and evaluate future diabetes prevention efforts. Questions cover a range of important topics, including access to healthcare, chronic disease prevention, mental health, and social factors that influence well-being.

“The Community Health Survey is a vital tool that helps us understand the pulse of our community and better address its needs,” said Kimberly Lorraine, CHN Director. “We strongly encourage each resident to share their voice so the community can gain a deeper understanding of our collective health and work toward creating solutions around diabetes prevention that align with the community’s assets and strengths.

## Key Survey Details:

- **What:** 2026 Rural Impact Community Survey
- **Who:** Random sample of residents in the towns of Norwich and Sherburne aged 18 and older
- **Where:** The survey can be accessed online using a unique QR Code found on the postcard. Paper copies are also available by calling the number listed on the postcard.
- **When:** The survey will be open from January 20, 2026 to February 28, 2026.
- **Why:** Results will inform future community-based diabetes prevention efforts developed through the Rural Impact project, funded by the National Institute of Nursing Research of the National Institutes of Health under Award Number UG3NR022298.

For more information about Chenango Health Network’s role with the Rural Impact project please visit [www.chenangohealth.org](http://www.chenangohealth.org) or contact Kimberly Lorraine at 607-337-4171 or [kimberly@chenangohealth.org](mailto:kimberly@chenangohealth.org).

**About Chenango Health Network-** Chenango Health Network Informs, educates and supports healthy rural communities by connecting individuals to quality healthcare and improving social determinants of health. CHN inspires hope and promote holistic well-being in a responsive, effective rural health system, driving positive change and impactful programs for the betterment of all. ➔