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PRESS RELEASE

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WE APPRECIATE YOUR PATIENCE AND SACRIFICE

It is critical that everyone continue to stay home to curb the spread of COVID-19. Chenango County is still experiencing an increase in positive cases. Now that we have reached the 4 week milestone, we are hopeful that the rise in recoveries and the slowing rate of incoming cases is a positive sign for the future. We are beginning to "Flatten the Curve". We do not know when the peak will actually be. We do know that social distancing is working. Lives are being saved by the sacrifices you are making.

We know it is hard. Please resist visiting your elderly parents and grandparents. You would not want your grandmother or grandfather to become ill because you decided to visit for a family dinner. Do not be tempted to stop following the recommendations. We need to continue to take the proper precautions to protect ourselves and those most at risk. The number of cases will not go up forever. Please continue to stay home and have patience with this process.

When we have silent victories people may start to say that COVID-19 was never a threat, was never here, or was never serious. This is not true. The battle is ongoing. Your choices now and throughout this outbreak are making the difference between life and death for some members of our community. There is no way out of this without what we are doing together, and we are doing a great job.

Thank you

Persons with questions or requiring additional information may contact the Chenango County Health Department at (607) 337-1660.

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