Press Release-Covid-19

“As more cases of Covid-19, the Coronavirus are identified in the United States I urge residents of Hudson to remain calm. I have been in touch with Columbia Memorial Hospital (CMH) who have longstanding emergency protocols for public health emergencies. CMH is directing anyone who is experiencing any symptoms related to Covid-19 to please call the emergency room for further instructions. I am currently in talks with Amtrak about what protocols the train station will be taking for people traveling into our city. The Hudson City School District is taking all proactive measures including working closely NYS Department of Education, and State and Local officials from the Department of Health to monitor all available protocols and information. As a city I ask you to focus on prevention follow all CDC prevention guidelines. My office will continue to provide updated information.” ~Mayor Kamal Johnson

***Statement from Columbia County Department of Health

“As of this release, there are no cases of Covid-19 in Columbia County. Our actions and how we form our plans for both health care providers and the general public are defined by the Center for Disease Control through New York State Department of Health. The risk factor for potential cases impacting Columbia County remains low. The Columbia County Department of Health along with local county officials are committed to actively monitoring the progression of this new virus and modifying our response as required.”

Covid-19 Risk is Low for Columbia County Residents
The coronavirus is a respiratory pathogen spread by coughing that can cause an illness ranging from mild to severe.
The Columbia County Department of Health in coordination with the New York State Department of Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the local hospital and local providers are closely monitoring the global situation of respiratory illness, now being referred to as Covid-19.
We are prepared to identify and manage suspect cases and will implement appropriate control measures to prevent the spread of disease locally.
The danger to Columbia County residents is low.
The most important things to remember to protect against ANY respiratory virus is to avoid close contact with people who are sick, avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth, wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, and clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
Follow this link to the CDC for what you need to know about Covid-19 https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html#basics
***From the office of Senator Kristen Gillibrand

As news about the Coronavirus (COVID-19) continues to circulate, our office wants to ensure that our constituents have the tools to stay properly informed during this time. We are sure you are following this issue closely and understand your communities may be concerned with developing news about the virus. Please know that our office is closely monitoring updates on this situation and believe it is essential that we have all the facts to stay informed as we move forward.

The CDC has a list of frequently asked questions and recommended best practices for staying healthy: [https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/index.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/index.html)

Attached are some helpful posters from the CDC that can be posted or shared in community spaces.

In addition, the New York State Department of Health is providing information and statewide updates regarding the virus: [https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/coronavirus/](https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/coronavirus/)

Constituents can also call for more information at the New York State Novel Coronavirus Hotline: 1-888-364-3065