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Community Health Assessment Surveys Available

Aitkin County Public Health is pleased to announce availability of the 2018 Community Health Assessment--an opportunity to collect comprehensive data regarding health issues, available services and opportunities for action in our communities.

Assessing the health and wellbeing of our citizens is an ongoing process. The Community Health Assessment is conducted to identify health issues of primary concern and to provide critical information to those in a position to make an impact on the health of our region-- governments, social and human service agencies, businesses, healthcare providers, and other entities as well as consumers. Local public health agencies are required by the State of Minnesota to complete an assessment every five years. This process, with the analysis of the resulting data, assists in creating the Community Health Improvement Plan.

A primary goal of the Community Health Assessment is to help increase understanding of our community's current health, both through specific health indicators and community input regarding issues and areas of concern. "Health is a major issue of concern and action for all of us," said Erin Melz, Aitkin County Public Health Supervisor. "We hope the information and results from the assessment will enable us to strategically establish priorities, commit resources and encourage continued collaboration involving all agencies, healthcare entities and provider organizations to address the complex health needs of our residents," said Melz.

A paper form of the Community Health Assessment Survey is available at multiple locations around the county. Please look for them here:

In March

- Westerlund's (Malmo)
- Riverwood Healthcare (Aitkin)
- Health & Human Services (Aitkin)
- Aitkin County Courthouse (Aitkin)
- Shopko (Aitkin)
- CVS (Aitkin)
- Big Dollar (McGregor)
- One Stop (Palisade)
- Thrifty White (McGregor)

In April

- Westerlund's (Malmo)
- Riverwood Healthcare (McGregor)
- Health & Human Services (Aitkin)
- Aitkin County Courthouse (Aitkin)
- Paulbeck's County Market (Aitkin)
- Public Library (Aitkin)
- Public Library (McGregor)
- Roadside Market (Hill City)



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Or, if you prefer, the survey is also available online at:
www.surveymonkey.com/r/ACCHA2018. This survey is anonymous unless you choose to provide your name to be entered into a drawing for one of five \$25 gift cards.

Look for additional information and another opportunity to help prioritize the outcomes from this survey at the Health & Human Services Booth during the Aitkin County Fair, July 5-7, 2018.



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