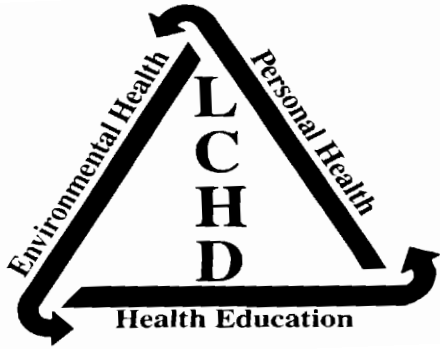


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“LaSalle County Health Department Conducts Community Health Needs Assessment Survey”

Ottawa, IL – LaSalle County residents have the chance to identify some of the health issues they face in their communities. A new online survey allows people to rate factors that influence a healthy community, including safe neighborhoods, affordable housing, the environment and healthy living. The survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete and responses are confidential.

The Health Department will utilize the data from the survey as we work with our key community stakeholders. Many of these stakeholders are a part of the Department’s Community Health Committee. This committee helps prioritize health problems in the county. The Health Department will begin the process of bringing this committee back together early next year to begin reviewing the survey results along with other statistical data. The committee will then begin to prioritize health issues for the county as part of our IPLAN (Illinois Project for Local Assessment of Needs). The IPLAN was developed by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and is a Community Health Assessment and Planning Process that is conducted every five years by local health jurisdictions in Illinois to be certified as a public health department.

The survey can be accessed at <https://form.jotform.com/211925446264154> or by visiting the Health Department’s website (www.lasallecounty.org) or their social media pages. Printed versions are also available in the Health Department lobby. The Health Department is open Monday-Friday, 8:00 am- 4:30 pm. For additional information please call the department at 815-433-3366.

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