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Oneida County Health Department Hosts Health Fair Day at Oneida County-Boonville Fair *Participants Can Taste and Vote on Area's Best Tap Water*

The Oneida County Health Department and a variety of health-related agencies and organizations will be on hand to provide information and answer questions for Health Fair Day on Tuesday, July 23rd, opening day of the Oneida County-Boonville Fair.

From 11 am until 3 pm, fair-goers can stop under the Health Fair tent, adjacent to the Gold Exhibit Hall, for dozens of displays, kids' activities, giveaways and information on home health and safety, lead poisoning prevention, cancer screenings, internet and personal safety, stroke risks and screening, health insurance options and early childhood and youth services, among other topics.

The Health Department will also hold its annual Tap Water Taste Contest, encouraging residents to taste and vote on their favorite local drinking water. This year, four water systems have entered the friendly competition: The Villages of Boonville, Camden, and Remsen, and the Mohawk Valley Water Authority.

The contest, which promotes awareness of the value and quality of public drinking water, has been held throughout New York State for the past 21 years. The winner of the contest at the upcoming Oneida County-Boonville Fair will compete against other area county finalists at a Central New York Regional competition and one winner will eventually advance to a final contest at the New York State Fair later this summer.

“We are proud to have the opportunity to bring a wide variety of important health-related information and activities to participants at the County Fair,” said Oneida County Director of Health Phyllis D. Ellis, BSN, MS, F.A.C.H.E. “There will be a nice assortment of services and materials for just about anyone at any age to learn something new.”