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Oneida County Seeks Input for Community Health Survey

What do you feel are the top health issues in Oneida County? How would you rate local health care services? The Oneida County Health Department wants to hear your opinion on these and other health-related issues.

The Oneida County Health Department, Mohawk Valley Health System and Rome Memorial Hospital are conducting a health needs survey and is seeking a broad range of input from the community. All Oneida County residents are encouraged to take the brief survey by visiting: [#OCHealthSurvey](#) or www.ocgov.net/health.

The survey, which should take about 5 minutes to complete, is in follow up to a Community Health Assessment Stakeholder meeting held in March, where a collaboration of community partners and organizations met to discuss top area health issues. Now, the County is looking to get similar input from the community on top health issues of concern, with the goal of receiving as much input as possible from residents.

“The community health assessment helps us to check the pulse of our community and better address community needs,” said Oneida County Executive Anthony J. Picente Jr. “By gaining input from the community, we can help to better understand what the issues are and why we have them.”

The next step will be a final report to reflect the compiled health data from all outreach efforts. The Health Department will use the report to develop its own health improvement plan and share this information with county health agencies, organizations, groups and partnerships to use as a guide for their own strategic planning.

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“This Community Health Assessment is a public health and hospital co-led collaboration which provides us with a snapshot of the health status of our community,” said Oneida County Director of Health Phyllis D. Ellis, BSN, MS, F.A.C.H.E. “Not all communities opt to do a collaborative health/hospital assessment but we do. We recognize the importance of all partners working together for the best health of Oneida County residents.”

Oneida County residents are encouraged to take the survey as soon as possible, and to share the survey link with colleagues, friends and family. The deadline is June 30, 2019.