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Announcement: Local Health Survey being conducted during 2018

The Barry-Eaton District Health Department, Ingham County Health Department, Mid-Michigan District Health Department, and the Capital Area United Way partner together to conduct a Capital Area Behavioral Risk Factor Survey (BRFS), which includes Barry and Eaton counties. This survey measures the health of our residents. An essential service of local public health departments is to monitor health status to identify and solve community health problems.

The survey provides the Health Department and Board of Health, local hospitals, and numerous community coalitions, non-profits, and community agencies critical information about the health of each county. It is modeled after the national/state Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey, but also includes questions on topics of local interest.

In order to provide the best quality information at the lowest cost, the Capital Area BRFS is conducted by a professional survey company on our behalf. Please be aware that the vendor we use to conduct the interviews is Survey Sampling International (SSI). On caller ID systems, the calls may be identified as SSI and show up as an out-of-state number.

This year the BRFS survey will be conducted during the following time periods:

May 28-June 10, 2018

September 1-14, 2018

November 23-December 6, 2018

Because many residents no longer have land-line telephones, some people will receive survey calls on their cell phone numbers. Participants may complete the survey on their cell phone, or switch to a land-line phone if more convenient.

No surveyor associated with the Health Department will ever ask for your social security number, bank information, credit card information, or other sensitive financial information. We do ask basic demographic questions, such as a general income range, age, and racial and ethnic group.

Sometimes we have difficulty reaching people in certain age or ethnic groups, and must keep randomly calling until we find enough people in that group. This means that we reach folks that we can't survey because we already have talked to lots of people in that demographic. For example, often we reach a large number of older adults, but need to keep calling to find enough young people under the age of 35. Please be assured that the Health Department values everyone's participation.

We are sincerely grateful to residents who choose to complete the survey – your information really does help us to know critical health concerns for the population.

Please contact Susan Peters, Health Analyst at (517) 541-2652 with any questions.