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### **HEALTH DEPARTMENT SEEKS RESIDENT INPUT ON COMMUNITY HEALTH ASSESSMENT**

*Detailed Survey Helps Evaluate Health Resources, Identify Community Threats and Trends*

**St. Charles County, Missouri** – To help evaluate the availability of health resources and to identify threats or trends affecting St. Charles County, the Department of Community Health and the Environment has issued a Community Health Assessment survey. Area residents, community leaders and business owners are encouraged to complete the 54-question assessment that will provide insight into the needs and wants of the community.

“In addition to healthy behaviors and access to medical care, a community’s character and physical environment influence its well-being,” Department Director **Hope Woodson** said. “The results obtained from this survey will alert community leaders and those of us here in the Department of Community Health and the Environment to potential gaps in services and will outline a guide that we can use to focus community action where it can be most effective.”

Issued every few years, a Community Health Assessment asks detailed questions about household demographics, health resources and community behaviors. Available online through the department’s website at <https://health.sccmo.org> or in hand-completed form (please call 636-949-7400 to receive a copy), the responses will measure our community’s health status and highlight its strengths and weaknesses. Ideally, it should take a respondent no more than 15-20 minutes to complete.

Although just one response per household is desired, individuals, community leaders and business owners are encouraged to share the website link with friends and co-workers to provide a better representation of the region. The survey will be available for completion through December 11, 2015. After that, department staff will gather all responses and organize them into a collective report that will be shared on the website and elsewhere in the community sometime in early 2016.

The St. Charles County Department of Community Health and the Environment is committed to the protection and enhancement of health and the quality of life for all members of our community. Through three divisions — Public Health, Environmental Health and Protection, and Humane Services — the department coordinates with federal, state, and local organizations to provide a wide range of services that have a profound impact on the lives of St. Charles County’s residents and visitors. To discover ways that the department assists this region or to learn about volunteer opportunities with any of the divisions, please visit <https://health.sccmo.org> or call (636) 949-7400.

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