
ST. JOHNS COUNTY COMMUNITY HEALTH ASSESSMENT OPEN FOR RESIDENT RESPONSES

St. Augustine, Fla. – The Florida Department of Health in St. Johns County (FDOH-St. Johns) and the Health Planning Council of Northeast Florida, Inc. (HPCNEF) have partnered to conduct the 2024 St. Johns County Community Health Assessment. This vital process, undertaken every three years, aims to pinpoint priority health needs and concerns within our community.

This month, several healthcare and community stakeholders gathered at the St. Johns County Health Department in St. Augustine for the St. Johns County Community Health Assessment Kick-Off Meeting. Elements of St. Johns County's health assessment will include an in-depth analysis of available demographic data, health statistics, and indicators of access to health care for county residents. Additionally, community input on health care services and quality of life issues from focus group discussions and key stakeholder interviews will be factored in. All the assessment data will be used to shape the St. Johns County Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). The CHIP will guide health and social service providers in the county in their program development efforts over the next 3–5 years.

Susan Grich, HPCNEF President and CEO, states, "We're trying to gather responses from as many people in the St. Johns community as we can for this health assessment. It's really important that everyone, especially those in vulnerable and underserved groups who may not typically have their voices heard, has an opportunity to share their thoughts."

If you live in St. Johns County, you are encouraged to complete the survey. Local business owners, educators, and community-based organizations are also encouraged to share the survey with staff, partners, volunteers, family, and friends. The survey is also available in Spanish.

The survey will remain open until April 30, 2024. Survey responses are confidential and anonymous.

Take the survey here: <https://forms.office.com/r/zey87dRkks>

For questions about the survey, please contact Lillian Zeman via email at Lillian_Zeman@hpcnef.org.

About Us

Created in 1982, the Health Planning Council of Northeast Florida, Inc. (HPCNEF) is one of 11 local health councils mandated by Florida State Statute 408.033. Our purpose is to dedicate resources and expertise to regional health utilization data management, health planning and research, community organizing, health promotion, and awareness programs. HPCNEF is guided by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office of Disease Prevention; the Health Promotion (ODPHP) Healthy People Initiative; and the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA). For more information, contact us at (904) 448-4300 or visit hpcnef.org.

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