The _____County Health Needs Assessment Survey*

Every five years in Iowa, local boards of health lead a community-wide discussion about their community's health needs and decide what can be done about them. The following survey questions are based on six factors important for the health and well-being of everyone in your community. Please take a few minutes to complete this survey and help the board determine what is needed in your county and to set an order for action by indicating the level of importance of these service needs.

1. **Promoting Healthy Living:** includes such health services as the prevention and treatment of addictive behaviors (tobacco, alcohol, other drugs, gambling) and chronic disease (mental health, heart disease and stroke, cancer, asthma, diabetes, arthritis, etc.); elderly wellness; family planning; infant, child & family health; nutrition; oral health; physical activity; and pregnancy & birth.

   How important are these services? (Check one.)

   ☐ Very Important   ☐ Important   ☐ Not Important

   If you answered very important or important, which services should be considered a priority for attention? (Check all that apply.)

   ☐ Tobacco   ☐ Arthritis

   ☐ Alcohol and other Drugs   ☐ Elderly Wellness

   ☐ Gambling   ☐ Family Planning

   ☐ Mental Health   ☐ Infant, Child, and Family Health

   ☐ Heart Disease and Stroke   ☐ Nutrition

   ☐ Cancer   ☐ Oral Health

   ☐ Asthma   ☐ Physical Activity

   ☐ Diabetes   ☐ Pregnancy and Birth

   Other (Please specify.)

   Of the services you chose, please list the 3 that you believe are the most important for your community. Then mark the column that best describes your community's situation.

Service	available and meets existing needs	available but fails to meet needs	not available

2. **Preventing Injuries:** Includes such services as brain injury prevention, disability, Emergency Medical Services, intentional injuries (violent & abusive behavior, suicide), occupational health & safety, and unintentional injuries (motor vehicle crashes, falls, poisoning, drowning, etc.).

How important are these services? (Check one.)

☐ Very Important   ☐ Important   ☐ Not Important

If you answered very important or important, which services should be considered a priority for attention? (Check all that apply.)

☐ Brain Injury   ☐ Occupational Health and Safety

☐ Disability   ☐ Motor Vehicle Crashes

☐ Emergency Medical Services   ☐ Falls

☐ Violent and Abusive Behavior   ☐ Poisoning

☐ Suicide   ☐ Drowning

Other (Please specify.)

Of the services you chose, please list the 3 that you believe are the most important. Then mark the column that best describes your community's situation.

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3. **Preventing Epidemics:** Includes such services as child and adult immunizations/vaccinations and surveillance and control of infectious diseases including: HIV/AIDS, influenza, sexually transmitted diseases, tuberculosis (TB) and other reportable diseases.

How important are these services?   (Check one.)

☐ Very Important   ☐ Important   ☐ Not Important

If you answered very important or important, which services should be considered a priority for attention? (Check all that apply.)

☐ Disease Investigation   ☐ Sexually Transmitted Disease

☐ Disease Control & Surveillance   ☐ Tuberculosis (TB)

☐ HIV/AIDS   ☐ Immunizations/Vaccinations

Other (Please specify.)

Of the services you chose, please list the 3 that you believe are the most important for your community. Then mark the column that best describes your community's situation.

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4. **Protecting against Environmental Hazards**: Includes such concerns as drinking water protection, food safety, food waste, hazardous materials, hazardous waste, healthy homes, lead poisoning, nuisances such as noise and litter, onsite wastewater systems, radon, radiological health, soil erosion, and vector (disease-carrying animals and insects) control.

How important are these services? (Check one.)

☐ Very Important ☐ Important ☐ Not Important

If you answered very important or important, which services should be considered a priority for attention? (Check all that apply.)

☐ Drinking Water Protection ☐ Lead Poisoning

☐ Food Safety ☐ Radon

☐ Food Waste ☐ Vector (disease-carrying animals and insects) Control

☐ Hazardous Materials

☐ Hazardous Waste ☐ Radiological Health

☐ Healthy Homes ☐ Soil Erosion

Other (Please specify.)

Of the services you chose, please list the 3 that you believe are the most important for your community. Then mark the column that best describes your community's situation.

Service	available and meets existing needs	available but fails to meet needs	not available

5. **Prepare for, Respond to & Recover from Public Health Emergencies:** Includes such concerns as communication networks, emergency planning, emergency response, individual preparedness, recovery planning, risk communication (communication before, during, and after a crisis), and surge capacity (the capacity to continue normal duties during emergencies).

How important are these services? (Check one.)

☐ Very Important ☐ Important ☐ Not Important

If you answered very important or important, which services should be considered a priority for attention? (Check all that apply.)

☐ Communication Networks

☐ Emergency Planning

☐ Emergency Response

☐ Recovery Planning

☐ Risk Communication (communication before, during, and after a crisis)

☐ Surge Capacity (the capacity to handle an emergency along with regular services)

☐ Individual Preparedness

Other (Please specify.)

Of the services you chose, please list the 3 that you believe are the most important for your community.   Then mark the column that best describes your community's situation.

Service	Available and meets existing needs	Available but fails to meet needs	not available

6. **Strengthen the Health Infrastructure** (the framework to support being healthy): includes topics such as access to quality health services, community engagement, evaluation, food security, food systems, food and nutrition assistance (SNAP, WIC), health facilities, health insurance, medical care, organizational capacity, planning, quality improvement, social determinants (e.g., education & poverty levels), transportation, and workforce (e.g., primary care, dental, mental health, public health).workforce development, and an equal opportunity to live a long, healthy life regardless of income, education, or ethnic background.

How important are these services? (Check one.)

☐ Very Important ☐ Important ☐ Not Important

If you answered very important or important, which services should be considered a priority for attention? (Check all that apply.)

☐ Access to quality health services ☐ Equal Opportunity

☐ Community Engagement ☐ Health Insurance

☐ Evaluation ☐ Medical Care

☐ Food Security ☐ Transportation

☐ Food Systems ☐ Workforce Development

☐ Food and Nutrition Assistance (SNAP, WIC) ☐ Workforce (such as primary care, dental, mental health, public health

☐ Health Facilities ☐ Education & Poverty Levels

Other (Please specify.)

Of the services you chose, please list the 3 that you believe are the most important for your community. Then mark the column that best describes your community's situation.

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7. **What would a healthier county look like?**

8. **What do you see as barriers to prevent your county from becoming healthier?**

9. **My zip code is: _____**

10. **My gender is:**

    ☐ Male

    ☐ Female

11. **My age is:**

    ☐ Under 18   ☐ 65-74

    ☐ 18-24   ☐ 75-84

    ☐ 25-45   ☐ 85 and over

    ☐ 46-64

12. **My yearly income is:**

    ☐ Less than $25,000   ☐ $75,000-$100,000

    ☐ $25,000-$50,000   ☐ Over $100,000

    ☐ $50,000-$75,000

13. **What type of health insurance coverage do you have? (choose all that apply)**

    ☐ No Health Insurance

    ☐ Insurance through employer (through your job or the job of a family member)

    ☐ Private health insurance

    ☐ Government program (Medicare, Medicaid (Iowa Health and Wellness Plan.), etc.
    Other (Please specify.)

14. My race/ethnicity is: (select all that apply)

☐ African American

☐ American Indian or Alaska Native

☐ Asian

☐ Caucasian

☐ Hispanic

☐ Other

☐ I prefer not to answer.

Thank you for completing this survey. We would appreciate receiving your responses by_____.

Insert: Name and contact information of the county health department
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